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By Correspondent Mary Kadoke

TAX contentions between the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) and the business community, among wholesale traders and foreign investors likewise, did not feature in remarks by President Samia Suluhu Hassan at an official opening of the 48th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF) yesterday.

While the president made no remarks on the issue, late Tuesday the State House issued a statement on a series of appointments, including a new TRA commissioner general, Yusuph Juma Mwenda, who shifts from heading the TRA version in Zanzibar, the ZRA.

Similarly, the president shifted Minister Dr Ashatu Kijaji to the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment) where erstwhile portfolio holder Dr Selemani Jafo moves to Industry and Trade.

Accompanying Mozambican President Filipe Jacinto Nyusi who is this year's DITF chief guest, the president hailed the \$5.68bn worth of investments recorded by the Tanzania In-

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Amir Esmail (L, in specs), who chairs a union of private sector coffee stakeholders covering 11 African countries, pictured yesterday briefing President Samia Suluhu Hassan and her visiting Mozambican counterpart, Filipe Jacinto Nyusi. It was shortly before the official opening of the 48th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

'Investment in Tanzania vital for EAC, SADC neighbourhood'

By Correspondent James Kandoya

TANZANIA remains a strategic investment destination for hinterland markets in the East Africa Community (EAC) and the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC), where Chinese investors can expect to prosper, the government believes.

Exaud Kigahe, the Industry and Trade deputy minister, made this remark at the China-Tanzania Trade and Investment forum opening session in Dar es Salaam yesterday, involving representatives of 25 Sichuan province companies in China and 50 local businesses and dealers.

He cited strategic areas of agriculture, infrastructure development and renewable energy, affirming that the forum was a significant event in discussing business and trade ties between the two countries.

Prof Kitila Mkumbo, the Planning and Investment state minister in the President's Office as well as Janson Huang, president of Sino-Tan Industrial Park, were also at the forum, where discussion focused on investments in textiles, photovoltaic energy storage, design and decoration.

Other floated areas are clothing, engineering construction and construction materials, mining and environmental protection equipment, automobile and motorcycle accessories, apart from routine consumer goods.

The industrial park executive said that the forum seeks to further foster business connections, contributing to broad economic development and industrialization.

"We hope to see increased investment and collaboration, driving growth and innovation in both countries," he stated.

The minister cited political stability, an investor-friendly environment, market size, and a reliable workforce as among factors motivating investors to set up shop in Tanzania.

An appropriate legal environment for arbitration, safe transit to several markets, tax rates that are reasonable, vast arable land and economic stability are equally important, he stated.

He stressed that it is feasible and helpful for investors from the Sichuan province in China to set foot and invest in the country in areas such as infrastructure, value addition, agri-

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Uphold integrity, CJ asks 555 new lawyers

By Guardian Reporter

CHIEF Justice Prof Ibrahim Juma has asked newly sworn-in lawyers to abide by rules of ethical conduct, upholding integrity, trustworthiness and honesty as key pillars of the legal profession.

He made the call in Dar es Salaam when receiving the 555 new lawyers to the bar, demanding that they live to the oath of the profession.

The judiciary will not sit and watch lawyers contravene the code of conduct of their profession, he stated, intoning that he had received a series of complaints involving lawyers' misconduct in the course of exercising their responsibilities.

Judicial administration is keen to oversee the conduct of lawyers, he said, pointing at the role of the Tanganyika Law Society (TLS) "to work on ethical conduct without being interfered with by anyone."

Some issues touching involve discipline, which the judicial authorities cannot sit and watch as it is its role to oversee ethics and code of conduct for lawyers, he emphasised.

People, mostly clients, have been complaining that lawyers do not return original documents whenever there is change of lawyers, a habit he says flouts the tenets of the profession, ignores the code of conduct for the profession.

"These challenges are supposed to be addressed by TLS," he reiterated, wondering if

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Minister, RC colour reception of Dar-Moro speed train haul

By Correspondent Idda Mushi, Morogoro

STANDARD gauge railway (SGR) freight trains will soon start making journeys inland, with 1,412 carriages of various configurations having been imported from China.

Prof Makame Mbarawa, the Transport minister, made this affirmation at an event to mark the arrival of a high-speed train from here yesterday, beaming that the start of speed train

journeys will make travel much easier. Cargo train will be the core business as the train business thrives on cargo haulage, while also increasing revenue and facilitating expansion of economic activities as Dar es Salaam serves as an economic gateway for Tanzania and the neighboring countries.

"When we start, we will have open access, that is, we will invite other service providers with their engines or coaches," he said, alluding at a plan to

charge such firms on kilometre rates as well as the tonnage.

This method shall yield more revenues, making port work more efficient, he said, noting that upwards of 40,000 passengers have used the train since June 14 at the start of the Dar-Moro trip.

People residing in Dodoma, Iringa and elsewhere park their vehicles at Morogoro railway station and board the train to Dar es Salaam, he said, adding that

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A child of between six and seven years moves in style while leading a herd of cattle to pasture at Mbangala village in Songwe District late last week. Photo: Correspondent Nebart Msokwa



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vestment Centre (TIC) last year.

She underscored the government's proactive efforts to enhance trade and investment in the country, stressing the government's role as pursuing development projects tied to ensuring resource availability and infrastructure development.

Asserting the government's wish to guarantee a friendly trade environment, she said that for the whole of 2023, TIC registered 504 projects worth \$5.68bn on account of a perceived positive business environment.

Export earnings rose from 12.3trn/- in 2019 to 17.38trn/- over the past year, she said, emphasising that the government is bent on will continue building, improving and strengthening development projects likewise infrastructures in increasing productivity, quality and

standards on grade and business area, she stressed.

She appealed to traders to take up DITF participation more intensely, to link up with institutions like the Tanzania Trade Development Authority (TanTrade) as the government, "will always be ready to work upon any challenges raised."

President Nyusi affirmed being 'humbled' to officiate at the trade fair in what many see as a farewell gesture on his part, leaving the presidency later this year.

He said Tanzania is among the top ten investment sources in Mozambique for the past few years, with investments standing at \$143m.

The two leaders had agreed on improving trade and investment ties in talks the previous day, with cashew nut production seen as a pivotal area for collaboration between the two countries.

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culture and manufacturing.

"Tanzania is ready to work together with stakeholders to make business more attractive," he declared, citing a variety of areas that need non-traditional investments, like materials supply in infrastructure development, mining and environmental protection equipment to facilitate sustainable mining prac-

tices and supply of environmental protection technologies.

The forum is expected to unlock trade and investment opportunities and foster business links with Sichuan enterprises. This initiative shall help to ease mapping out solutions for Sichuan enterprises to invest in Tanzania as part of advancing the continental industrial strategy, the minister added.

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the TLS leadership and the newly accepted lawyers "know any section that speaks of the code of conduct."

He described complaints from the general public as relating to contracts for land or farm sales, asserting that lawyers obtain certain inducements to seal the deal and disappear, castigating some lawyers of habitually failing to pay rents for their offices. That is an embarrass-

ing situation, he stated. "Some send information to the judiciary that the debtors have agreed to settle outside the court without all the parties knowing it. Others take money from clients and do not appear in court until the case is dismissed," he further noted.

Lawyers need to observe moral requirements as the public relies on their services in filing complaints to the relevant authorities, as otherwise integrity is tainted, he added.

JKCI to do coronary arterial surgeries without operation

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI) is expected to conduct coronary artery surgeries without operation for about 15 patients using Cathlab machine.

The surgery will occur in a special seven-day camp conducted by experts from JKCI in collaboration with their colleagues from the African Doctors Association in the United States.

Speaking to this paper yesterday, a Cardiologist at JKCI, Dr Kawajika Mwinyipembe, said there are some patients undergoing surgery in the camp that failed due to the lack of some equipment in the previous camps.

"In collaboration with experts from the African Doctors Association, we have been able to obtain modern medical equipment used to open up 99percent blocked heart blood vessels to help our patients but also to share experiences", said Dr Mwinyipembe.

Dr Mwinyipembe said that patients whose heart valves are blocked often undergo surgery to open the chest. Still, due to technology, patients nowadays undergo surgery through a small hole in the body.

"We hope to repair 99-percent blocked vessels in 10 patients without chest surgery, a treatment that will help the patient recover quickly and spend less time in the hospital unlike a patient who underwent major heart surgery", said

Dr Mwinyipembe. Joanna Ghobrial, a specialist in cardiac surgery from the African Doctors Association, said that experts from the African Doctors Association have been cooperating with JKCI experts to share experience and help patients who need heart treatment.

Dr Joanna said JKCI experts have continued to provide heart surgery services of various types, expertise that will help them in the future to do it themselves without the supervision of large organizations in the provision of heart surgery services.

"We have been cooperating with JKCI for a long time and we see the results of our cooperation, in the future JKCI experts will no longer need our supervision to do this kind of surgery as they are already experts," Dr Joanna expressed.



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Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa pictured at Mtanda in Lindi Urban District yesterday presenting a special souvenir to Lindi Catholic Church Diocese Bishop Wolfgang Pisa, recently elected President of the Tanzania Episcopal Conference. The PM was relaying President Samia Suluhu Hassan's congratulations to the bishop following the election. Photo: PMO

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trains are full at 90 percent of average sitting capacity.

Some arrive without tickets and are served, in which case there are two routes instead of one, with two other routes in sight to meet the demand, he said, highlighting that

the journeys will involve ordinary speed trains halting at each station, and express trains transiting directly from Dar es Salaam to Morogoro.

Experts are finalising inspections of the rail line from Morogoro to Dodoma to start organising Dar - Dodoma trips before the end of July 25, he stated, while regional com-

missioner Adam Malima, who took the speed train at Dar station, witnessed the travel scene.

He hailed the train trip, beaming that it had made the journey easier, vastly reducing transit time, opening up opportunities for wider tourism, reaching Mikumi National Park from the air or by speed train, the

same applies to other travel spots in the southern circuit, he said.

Single Mtambalike, a passenger, said that speed train trips had simplified their activities in going to Dar and returning, with business people now capable of accessing city wholesale and other markets with ease.



The Guardian newspaper managing editor Wallace Mauggo (gesturing) and his counterpart with the paper's Kiswahili sister publication, Nipashe, Beatrice Bandawe (R), hold talks at The Guardian Limited offices in Dar es Salaam yesterday with visiting Media Foundation for West Africa - Ghana consultant and fellow Abena Animwaa Yeboah-Banin (2nd-L) and a project officer with the foundation, Adizatu Moro Maiga (2nd-R). Others are Policy Forum - Tanzania vice chairman Israel Ilunde (L) and Mnaku Mbani, a senior Business writer with The Guardian. The focus of the talks was on the possibility of training partnership between the foundation and the media in the East Africa region. Photo: John Badi

Kenyan activists rethink strategy after protests turn violent

NAIROBI

ACTIVISTS behind Kenya's anti-government protests are rethinking their strategy after demonstrations on Tuesday were marred by violence and looting that they fear could undermine the movement and its efforts to push President William Ruto to resign.

The activists say the violence was the work of "goons" hired by politicians to either discredit legitimate demonstrators or advance their own agendas. Some called on social media for the next planned demonstration on Thursday not to go ahead.

"It seems the state has realised that the only way to counter this movement is by using goons to incite violence, break into people's

property, loot, and tarnish our cause," Ojango Omondi, an activist in the capital Nairobi, told Reuters.

"It's time to go back to the drawing board and strategise on how best to overcome this violence and keep our protests focused on their true objectives."

Kenya's government spokesperson did not respond to a request for comment. In a statement on Tuesday, Interior Minister Kithure Kindike blamed violence on "hordes of marauding criminal gangs" and said there was an attempt to "politicise crime."

The initial protests last month against proposed tax hikes were overwhelmingly peaceful, although the police fired tear gas and water cannon at demonstrators.

The mobilisation of Kenyans from

across ethnic lines around common economic demands marked a break with previous protest movements that have typically been organised by political figures with ethnic grievances often at the fore.

The protests became violent as some demonstrators briefly stormed parliament last week and the police opened fire, killing dozens.

The next day, Ruto withdrew the tax increases. But protesters vowed to carry on, issuing a range of demands, from anti-corruption measures to Ruto's resignation.

Almost from the outset, protests on Tuesday were marked by violence. Stone-throwing young men clashed with police in Nairobi and other towns. Looters stormed businesses, leading shop owners to arm

themselves with sticks and clubs. Foi Wambui, a young actress who had come to protest in downtown Nairobi, said she was heading home because of the chaos.

"What has happened is that peaceful protesters are deterred from coming to town, and we are deterred from actually coming and practising our civic duties," she told Reuters.

In official statements, Ruto and the government have generally distinguished between peaceful protesters and those they brand as criminals that have hijacked the demonstrations.

But their allies have seized on the violence to try to discredit the movement, popularly known as Gen Z protests for their youthful following.



Dr Tulia Ackson, National Assembly Speaker and International Parliamentary Union President, delivers a message of solidarity between the IPU and the SADC Parliamentary Forum during the opening of the 55th SADC Summit in Luanda, Angola, yesterday. Photo courtesy of National Assembly

By Henry Mwangonde

AGRA to host youth and food systems transformation policy meet tomorrow

THE Alliance for Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) is set to host the Youth and Food Systems Transformation Policy meeting, which will bring together youth representatives' key stakeholders in the food systems value chain to facilitate dialogue with the youth to better understand their needs and priorities.

The meeting which will take place tomorrow in Dar es Salaam, will facilitate discussions on policy actions essential for empowering youth in agriculture, addressing climate change, and ensuring food systems transformation.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Country Director for AGRA, Vianey Rweyendela said the Key envisioned outcome is a roadmap for creating a supportive ecosystem for entrepreneurship, equitable market opportunities, competitive agricultural productivity, enhanced financial inclusion, active youth roles in governance and strengthened youth support institutions.

"The expected outcomes of the Youth and Food Systems Transforma-

tion Policy Convening include policy recommendations, the development of action-oriented policy briefs to support youth involvement in climate-resilient food systems and the documentation of youth contributions to strengthening and developing youth-focused programmes," he said.

He said AGRA's strategy and support for Tanzania has integrated technologies, partnerships, and scalable models to foster competitive and inclusive agriculture. "This approach aims to catalyse and sustain an Inclusive Agricultural Transformation, increasing incomes and improving food security for 1.5 million smallholder farming households," he stated.

This success has been achieved through strategic country support and government engagement coupled with a set of targeted catalytic downstream and systemic investments through AGA's alliance of partners in high impact areas such as food processing and market-oriented agri-

cultural production.

The plan is in line with Tanzania's Build Better Tomorrow initiative that promotes the engagement of Tanzanian youth in agribusiness for a sustainable improved livelihood. The initiative also seeks to provide models for production and productivity enhancement through collaborative efforts of large farmers working together for mutual benefits of the youth.

He further stated that the topics to be discussed would revolve around; access to land, access to finance, business development services, policy advocacy and climate adaptation. Rweyendela further encouraged youth to engage and participate in the forum via AGRA's digital platforms.

Speaking on behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture, Head of Building a better tomorrow Programme from Vumilia Zikankuba stated that the Ministry's vision is to provide policy guidance and services to a modernized, commercialized, competitive

and effective agriculture and cooperative systems.

She lauded AGRA for its work in transforming the agriculture sector in Tanzania and that its efforts are in sync with the government's development's goals and initiatives.

"The government of Tanzania endeavours to deliver quality agricultural and cooperative services, provide a conducive environment to stakeholders, build capacity of local Government Authorities and facilitate the private sector to contribute effectively to sustainable agricultural production, productivity and cooperative development."

Minister for Agriculture, Hussein Bashe, is expected to grace the occasion which will also involve representatives from key partners including the Mastercard Foundation, USAID, FAO, United Nations Industrial Development Organization, International Finance Corporation, and Farm to Market Alliance.

Third Kiswahili Day fete for EA to take place in Mombasa

By Marc Nkwame, Arusha

THE third East African Community's Kiswahili Day this year is hosted in Mombasa, Kenya.

Taking place in sync with the second East African Kiswahili Commission (EAKC) International Conference, the cultural and language event is scheduled for three days from July 5 to 7, 2024.

The guiding theme for this year's events is 'Kiswahili, Multilingual Education and the Enhancement of Peace.'

According to a statement from the EAC secretariat in Arusha, the occasion will provide a platform for Kiswahili stakeholders to share knowledge, evidence from research, best practices, experiences and worldviews on the role Kiswahili education plays in the enhancement of a culture of peace. The objective of the third EAC World International Kiswahili Day and the second EAKC International Conference is to explore the role of Kiswahili and multilingual education in fostering a culture of peace.

The celebrations organized by the East African Community (EAC) and the Republic of Kenya brings together diverse stakeholders including, but not limited to researchers, academics, practitioners, students, policy makers, language councils, language associations, the media and other Kiswahili stakeholders from the EAC and beyond.

The participants spend the three days of the conference and celebration day to discuss how Kiswahili and multilingual education are and can be used to educate society on the enhancement of peace at local, national, regional and global levels.

The meeting will also consider policy implications for the use of Kiswahili and multilingualism for peace education and make recommendations on the use of Kiswahili and multilingualism in promoting a culture of peace.

The celebrations for this year's Kiswahili Day and Conference will feature among other things; youth mentorship and engagements with other

stakeholders, media engagement and awareness creation activities as well as outreach activities including tree planting and cultural activities.

The second East African Kiswahili International Conference will deliberate on different sub-themes including, Kiswahili, Multilingualism and Peace; Kiswahili Education and Peace; Kiswahili, Regional Integration and Peace, as well as Kiswahili, Peace and Sustainable Development.

Other topics are, Kiswahili in local, national, regional and global peace; Kiswahili, Youth and Peace Education; Kiswahili, Refugee Education and Peace and Kiswahili, Media and Peace Education.

Deputy Secretary General of the East African Community, Andrea Aguer Ariik who is in charge of Infrastructure, Productive, Social and Political Sectors, said that Kiswahili Day serves as a reminder of the importance of language diversity and unity in the EAC.

"Kiswahili, as a widely spoken language in East Africa, not only bridges communication gaps but also represents a common identity among the member states of the EAC," said Ariik.

"As we look forward to commemorating the EAC Kiswahili Day, let us embrace the language, its richness and its ability to bring us together as a diverse yet united East African Community," he added.

July 7 has been declared as World Kiswahili Language Day by the 41st General Conference of UNESCO which met in November 2021.

The 42nd Meeting of the EAC Council of Ministers adopted the declaration of 7th July as World Kiswahili Language Day and directed that it be celebrated annually on a rotational basis among the EAC Partner States.

On the other hand, the first EAC World Kiswahili Language Day was held in Zanzibar in July 2022.

Following the approval by the 18th Sectoral Council on Education, Science and Technology, Culture and Sports (SCESTCS), the second EAC World Kiswahili Day was held in Kampala, Uganda in July 2023.

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Sunflower processors come in with measures to curb edible oil scarcity

By Correspondent Paul Mabeja,

Dodoma

THE Tanzania Sunflower Processors Association (TASUPA) has highlighted strategies aimed to curb shortage of cooking oil challenges, hence relieving the country from the burden of spending a lot to import of the edible oil.

According to TASUPA, the measures include encouraging mass sunflower production in large farms to ensure that factories are fed with enough seeds to produce cooking oil.

Ringo Iringo, TASUPA chairman said this here yesterday when speaking to journalists about the association's strategies to curtail edible oil challenges in the country.

According to him, one of the strategies is to collaborate with the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) where the Ministry of Agriculture and the council will arrange and encourage investment in large and medium-sized commercial farms that will produce more sunflowers.

"We also relying on the government's plans to invest and strengthen the irrigation infrastructure to be completed on time so that some can be used to irrigate large farms that are earmarked for sunflower production," Iringo said.

He said that in collaboration with development stakeholders who are interested in the sunflower sub-sector, they will stimulate and build the capacity of more than two million small-holder farmers to cultivate sunflowers in a modern way.

"The private sector in collaborative with the government will take initiative research on the availability of high-oil seeds and their use for farmers and in collaboration with Tanzania Beekeeping Development Organization (TABEDO), we will encourage beekeeping around

sunflower fields to facilitate pollination of sunflowers and increase yield and income for farmers," he stated.

Iringo added that many farmers in the country have given up due to lack of a market for sunflowers as there is a large amount of imported oil, making them cultivate a small amount of the crop.

"The country will not have a major shortage of cooking oil because we are starting to cultivate sunflowers in large fields when the autumn season starts in early September this year," Iringo emphasised.

He also said investment in large and small commercial farms continues in various strategic regions under the government's plan to develop strategic crops.

"The existing projects under the TIC collectively with the ministry of Agriculture Building a Better Tomorrow Youth Initiatives for Agribusiness (BBT-YIA) and Tanzania Agricultural Inputs and Support Project (TAISP) to facilitate increase in opportunities to produce sunflowers and jobs creation, we expect in the next three years, Tanzania will be producing more than five million tonnes of sunflowers," he noted.

However, he said that the situation will make it possible to process 900,000 cubic meters per year, thus making it possible to feed the country's needs and sell the surplus to foreign countries.



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Painter-decorator Hemedi Lupatu works on a portrait of President Samia Suluhu Hassan on the wall of the University of Dar es Salaam pavilion at the ongoing 48th edition of the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair on Tuesday. Photo: Correspondent Christina Mwakangale

By Correspondent Joseph

Mwendapole

AIR Tanzania Company Limited (ATCL) has hailed measures taken by the government to invest heavily in the airline, something which has enabled it to compete locally and internationally.

In a statement issued in Dar es Salaam yesterday, the state-run airline stated that the sixth phase government has invested much efforts to strengthen the company to increase efficiency.

"We thank President Samia

ATCL praises govt move to refurbish the airline

Suluhu Hassan because we have seen her robust efforts to strengthen this company since she came into office three years ago and the company has gained strength to compete nationally and internationally," the statement reads in part.

The national flag carrier also said that some of the efforts made

by the government to purchase new aircraft-passenger and cargo planes is recommendable.

"The government has been giving company permits to hire professionals of various cadres including pilots, engineers, and flight attendants and facilitate the opening of new flight destinations inside and outside the country,"

the airline said.

"The situation has enabled the company to expand the scope of its network as well as build the capacity of these professionals so that they can carry out their duties effectively."

Recently, ATCL announced its plan to introduce direct flights to Muscat in Oman.

BISMILLAH RAHMAN RAHIM



The family of the Late Dr. Omar Ali Juma invites you for prayers in memory of the LATE DR. OMAR ALI JUMA which will be held on Thursday 4th July, 2024 at Ngazija Mosque, at 4:00p.m.

Your presence will be highly appreciated.

All relatives and friends are invited.

May God rest his soul in Eternal Peace .

Amen



DAR ES SALAAM STOCK EXCHANGE PLC

DECLARATION OF DIVIDEND FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2023

The Board of Directors of Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange PLC (DSE) announce that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of shareholders held on 25th June, 2024, approved the Audited Financial Statements and Declaration of Dividend of **TZS 145** per issued and fully paid up shares in line with the DSE's Dividend Policy. The total dividend declared is **TZS 3,454 Million**, which is 61 percent of the net profit generated in year 2023.

Pursuant to the Dividend Payment Declaration, the timetable for dividend payment shall be as follows:

Announcement of Dividend Payment:	25 th June, 2024
Trading of Shares cum Dividend:	25 th June – 15 th July 2024
Trading of Shares Ex-Dividend:	16 th July, 2024 onwards
Closure of the Members Register:	18 th July, 2024
Dividend Payment Date on/or about:	16 th August 2024

Dividend will be paid directly to shareholders bank accounts or mobile wallet, for those who have provided banking information or telephone numbers. Shareholders are requested to communicate their bank account/mobile wallet information to the Registrar:

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TRA plans drive to help public verify quality of cement, sugar

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo

THE Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) plans to introduce tailor-made digital verification applications to help the public verify quality of products in cement and sugar sectors.

The application by the taxman targets to enable the public to verify quality diverse products through smart phones with Android, or iOS system.

Ndositwe Haonga, TRA Director for Internal Affairs unveiled this yesterday when speaking during the ongoing 48th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF 2024).

He said the development targets to ensure the public consume quality products, and not otherwise.

"Hakiki Stempu is an application that allows the public to check whether the product they are about to purchase is genuine or not," Haonga said, noting: "This application will scan the product to check if it has the right tax stamp. The app will detect the number of the tax stamp, its type, and whether it is genuine or not."

"The user will be given a result that will let them know if the product is genuine or not," he detailed.

Haonga also observed that the application also meant to ensure

protection of human health safety as well as making sure that the products sold to the public meet the needed standards and reflect the value for money.

"For instance, in the real estate sector, some unfaithful traders may sell counterfeit cements, or the expired ones, thus this application will help the customers to detect them," he said.

He insisted on the need for the public, especially the traders and other service providers to embrace a patriotic spirit of issuing receipts through the Electronic Fiscal Devices (EFDs) in order to help the government collect its statutory revenues.

Patrick Massawe, senior tax management officer suggested the need for the public to adopt the use of the helpful application.

"We're running a number of initiatives, including a public awareness campaign through diverse platforms to ensure the public come aware, and start to use the application," he said.

He said TRA will continue working to develop more online systems for assisting the products consumers to stand at a safe side, in terms of health and value for money, but also for effective revenue collections.

The number of installations for Hakiki Stempu totals 36 thousand. In the past 30



Stakeholders in the fight against gender violence, including from Save the Children International Tanzania Programme, are introduced to alternative charcoal making at a Dar es Salaam-based CSO known as Kipunguni Community Voice Centre. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

AfDB, Korea customs service sign aide memoire to boost facilitation of trade in Africa

By Special Correspondent

AFRICA is set to benefit from improved customs technologies to boost intra-African trade.

The African Development Bank and the Korea Customs Service (KCS) have signed an Aide Memoire on Facilitation of Customs Reforms and Modernisation that will tap Korean customs expertise and systems to enhance Africa's trade processes, potentially increasing intra-continental commerce and supporting regional integration efforts.

Solomon Quaynor, AfDB Vice President for Private Sector, Infrastructure & Industrialisation, and Ko Kwang-hyo, Commissioner of the Korea Customs Service, represented their respective institutions at a virtual signing ceremony, held yesterday.

Through the Aide Memoire, the collaboration aims to promote trade facilitation among Bank Group Regional Member Countries by supporting customs reforms and modernisation, focusing on transparent operations and enhanced border management to increase revenues.

Key areas of cooperation include capacity-building and technical assistance for Customs modernisation, national and regional seminars on electronic clearance systems, site visits for African Customs officers to experience KCS's digitalisation efforts, technical support for establishing electronic clearance and origin management systems in Africa, collaboration on trade and transport facilitation along African corridors and border posts, dissemination of best practices on trade facilitation, and joint studies on Customs modernisation policies for Regional Economic Communities in Africa.

Vice President Quaynor said: "The significance of this Aide Memoire on Facilitation of Customs Reforms and Modernisation cannot be overstated. It will energise the Bank's operations on trade facilitation and customs reforms, helping to roll back non-tariff barriers and other impediments to intra-African and external trade and operationalization of the African Continental Free Trade Area. We look forward to working closely with the Korea Customs Service to implement the provisions in the Aide Memoire."

Commissioner Ko Kwang-hyo highlighted Korea's commitment to sharing its expertise, particularly through its UNI-PASS electronic

clearance system. With this Aide Memoire as the foundation, KCS plans to initiate various activities to facilitate trade in the African region and foster active cooperation in new areas including distribution of KCS's One-stop Origin Management System, capacity building programs for customs officers, and joint studies on customs modernisation of Regional Economic Communities, he said.

The Aide Memoire will be in effect through December 31, 2026, with the possibility of an extension. Both parties have committed to annual joint assessments of activities to ensure effective implementation.

It aligns with the Bank Group's development agenda, particularly its focus on regional integration - one of the Bank's "High 5" priority areas. It also targets to support the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement by addressing critical trade facilitation challenges.

It also builds on a strong foundation of cooperation between the African Development Bank and Korea, which joined the Bank Group as a shareholder in 1982. To date, the country has contributed nearly \$800 million to the Bank Group and aims to become its tenth largest donor by 2031.

Notable achievements of the Korea-African Development Bank partnership include the \$600 million Energy Investment Framework signed in May 2021, the Korea-Africa Economic Cooperation (KOAPEC) Trust Fund established in 2007 - currently the largest bilateral Fund managed by the Bank - and the biennial KOAPEC Ministerial Conference, promoting high-level policy dialogue between Africa and Korea.



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Govt hailed for supporting spice growers with technical knowhow

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari,

Muheza

SPICE growers in Muheza District, Tanga Region have hailed the government for bringing agricultural extension officers close to them, allowing them to access technical knowledge on farming and marketing.

Speaking to this paper, the chairman for the Union of spices farmers at Amani ward, Haji Shembilu on behalf of other farmers expressed their satisfaction with the government for providing motorcycles and tablets to

agricultural extensions officers saying the move had also helped them to be regularly visited by the experts to be given technical advice.

On December 30, 2023, Muheza District Administrative Secretary (DAS) Mohamed Mfaki together with District Council Director (DED) Dr Jumaa Mhina launched spice harvesting season at Amani Division comprises six wards of Amani, Kisiwani, Kwezitu, Mbomole, Zirai and Misalai and pledged to help them selling their products into profitable prices.

"Despite being known for growing the crops seasonally, many of us have been growing the crops locally

and recorded low harvests or sometimes poor-quality harvests, which caused the situation to sell them at low prices," he said.

For his part, DAS Mohamed Faki said spice farming is productive and profitable if farmers comply with better farming procedures and will help them escape from poverty by generating their households.

He further pledged as the district government will continue to make sure to uplift their living standards by creating a conducive environment for planning good prices once harvesting seasons reach to avoid lobbying and compromise low prices set by

agents.

Muheza District Council Director Jumaa Mhina said that spices touched Muheza economy by explaining that revenues collected from spices contributed to the district council's income after oranges.

In Muheza spices are grown into three divisions-Bwambwera, Amani and Muheza with cocoa, black pepper, cloves, and cardamom grown largely.

In Muheza a kilogram of clove is sold between 17,000/- to 18,000/-, cocoa is sold for 15,000/- and black pepper is sold for 15,000/- whilst cardamom is sold for 12,000/-



Construction of a road in Dar es Salaam's Matosa suburb (Ubungu municipality) to tarmac level in progress, as found earlier this week. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

By Correspondent Maulid Mmbaga

A TOTAL of 750 pupils at Mzimuni Secondary School in Kinondoni Municipality, Dar es Salaam are now assured of attending classes daily after receiving sanitary pads from the Asma Mwinyi Foundation (AMF).

Speaking yesterday shortly after supporting schoolgirls with sanitary towels, Asma Mwinyi, AMF director said the main goal of donating the towels is to help girls not to miss

Schoolgirls in Dar get sanitary towels

classes every time during their menstruation period.

She said: "Our target is to reach 30,000 schoolgirls in Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar where so far more than 20,000 girls have been received."

"Each student will get six packs and each one has 10 towels inside, by doing so we'll help our children continue with their studies without

any challenge and finally realise their dreams," said Asma.

Khadija Ally, chairperson of CCM parents' wing in Dar es Salaam said that schoolgirls face a myriad of challenges, inadequate supply of sanitary towels being among the unnoticed ones.

She called on various stakeholders to emulate the AMF's spirit by helping needy students.

She also called on the teachers of all schools in the country to offer support and be in the front line to help students achieve their dreams.

Mzimuni Secondary School head teacher, Juma Lighton said: "In order to ensure that female students don't miss their studies every time during their menstruation period, we're buying towels as well as setting up changing washrooms for them."



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CONSULTANCY: DEVELOPMENT OF ADVOCACY STRATEGY TO INFLUENCE THE GOVERNMENT AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS FOR ADOPTION OF POLICIES AND LEGISLATION THAT RECOGNIZE AND SECURE RIGHTS OF COMMUNITIES IN MANGROVE MANAGEMENT

WWF Tanzania Country Office (WWF TCO) through the RUMAKI Seascape Plus is currently implementing a project titled "Mangrove Management for Climate Risk Resilience and Improved Livelihoods" funded by the Norwegian NORAD and regionally implemented in Tanzania, Mozambique, and Madagascar. In Tanzania the project is implemented in six (6) villages across three districts namely Kibiti district (Mchungu and Msindaji villages), Mafia district (Jimbo and Kanga villages), and Kilwa district (Somanga and Malendego villages). WWF supported the review of national policy and legal frameworks on mangroves conservation and development of recommendations for promoting community user rights management systems in Tanzania which was carried out in a very recent past. The study identified policy and legislation gaps around mangrove conservation and developed recommendations including on the socio-economic issues of community's adjacent mangrove areas. An advocacy campaign is required for awareness raising to the wider stakeholders particularly the decision and policy makers to support implementation of the policy study recommendations.

WWF Tanzania is therefore looking for a consultant(s) to develop a Policy Advocacy Strategy by involving extensive stakeholder consultations with government agencies, civil society organizations, community representatives, and other relevant stakeholders. This inclusive approach ensures that the advocacy efforts are informed by diverse perspectives and priorities, increasing the likelihood of their effectiveness and sustainability.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested applicants may get the detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) and specifications through the following websites:

https://www.wff.or.tz/jobs_and_opportunities/consultancies_and_tenders/

All applicants should direct their soft copies of full proposal (technical & financial on the single document) to the procurement: e-mail at procurement@wfftz.org. Deadline for submission is **Tuesday, 16th July at 10:00am - EAT**.

WWF TCO reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the applications without assigning any reason. Late application shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstance.

WWF has a principle of zero-tolerance to fraud and corruption, if you encounter such incident, report by sending an email to fcci@wfftz.org.

Only successful applicant will be contacted.



Nicodemus Mushi (L, gesturing), Tanzania Ports Authority Public Relations and Communications manager, pictured yesterday briefing Culture, Arts and Sports ministry permanent secretary Gerson Msigwa (in grey suit, arms folded) on TPA's operations. It was at the ongoing 48th edition of the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

'Motorcycle-related accidents behind 60 pc of MOI patients'

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE Muhimbili Orthopaedics Institute (MOI) receives an average of 700 accident victims per month and 60 percent of them being motorcycle-related accidents.

Dr Lemeru Mchome, MOI acting executive director unveiled this yesterday when receiving a donation from the Dar es Salaam-based Watu Credit Company. The donation is meant for the victims of 'bodaboda' accidents.

"We must invest in preventing 'bodaboda' accidents and it is important to educate people about traffic rules and regulations," he said.

He also urged motorcycle riders to

remain vigilant in preventing road deaths and serious injuries in order to meet United Nations (UN) targets of reducing road traffic deaths by at least 50 percent by 2030.

Dr Mchome lauded the company for supporting the institute with blood, which is highly needed for the victims.

Jumaa Almasi, MOI Social Welfare and Nutrition Manager said that some patients are brought to the institution, but they do not have money for treatment.

He said the company has provided support for two wheelchairs and has promised to pay for the treatment of 15 patients.

Seuri Kuoko, Watu Credit's assistant general manager, said that the aid is

part of a corporate social responsibility programme to give back to society adding that it will help restore accident victims to their normal conditions.

"This aid aims to benefit 15 victims who were admitted at MOI for treatment, 13 injured have been paid half of the surgery costs, but there is also one patient we have given him a wheelchair," he said.

Data shows Tanzania loses over 16, 000 people annually on traffic related injuries and boda boda accidents account for the majority of road traffic injuries.

As a result, it is important to provide regular education and awareness to motorists on their role and responsibility in preventing traffic accidents.



RE-ADVERTISED: REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES FOR VULNERABLE ETHNIC GROUPS SELF-IDENTIFYING AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLE REFERENCE NO: REQ-00000513

East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) LTD ("EACOP LTD") invites experienced and reputable companies or organizations to express their interest in undertaking activities to support communities of Vulnerable Ethnic Groups self-identifying as Indigenous People affected by the EACOP project.

The EACOP Project involves the construction and operation of an underground and cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from Lake Albert area in Uganda to eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale, Hoima District in Uganda to the Chongoleani peninsula in Tanga, Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 km, of which 296km will be in Uganda and 1,147 km in Tanzania.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:

The EACOP pipeline corridor traverses about 30 communities in Tanga, Manyara, Dodoma and Tabora regions home to Vulnerable Ethnic Groups self-identifying as Indigenous People and has acquired land in these communities. As part of its commitment to these communities reflected in various agreements and in compliance with the International Financing Standards, EACOP is now seeking suitably experienced and qualified organizations to deliver the following groups of services to these specific communities of Vulnerable Ethnic Groups self-identifying as Indigenous People (details to be provided during the call for tender phase).

- **00000513 - 01:** Land Use Management: activities will include capacity building on village land use planning; facilitating village land use planning; supporting the resolution of land use conflicts; facilitating the acquisition of CCROs.
- **00000513 - 02:** Supporting Women and Youth empowerment through the formation of groups and promoting an improved business environment for youth and women as well as identifying opportunities to connect youth and women groups with relevant entrepreneurship support institutions.
- **00000513 - 03:** Strengthening Communities: Establish and strengthening of Village Community Development Committees and undertaking capacity building activities at community level.

To undertake this work, EACOP requires one or more organizations (private or non-governmental organization) with a demonstrable track record of experience in working with these communities on these topics.

Organizations responding may express their interest in any or all of the services required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Organizations expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- Details of similar projects or activities undertaken which provide evidence of qualified and available team, knowledge of these communities and track record of the above activities.
- Proof of registration with relevant Tanzanian Registration Bodies (Current BRELA Search, NGO Registration, OSHA).
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) and Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year available if relevant.
- Proof of Registration with EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database, or a proof of application for registration at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
- Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
- Financial capacity to deliver the services required including submission of financial accounts for year.
- Evidence of a QHSE Management system, organization, and process in compliance with applicable Local and Industry standards for similar works.
- Proof of Anti-corruption, Anti-bribery, Compliance and Human Rights policies.

Companies which have the ability, capacity, and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending an Expression of Interest (EOI) via email, together with the above listed documents through an email to procurement.tz@eacop.com (max. email size 20Mb) on or before **17:00 hours East African Time (EAT)**, on 17th July 2024 Email subject shall be: **REQ NO 00000513: Request for expression of interest for capacity building activities for Vulnerable Ethnic Groups self-identifying as indigenous people.** Statements of EOI should be no more than ten (10) to twenty (20) pages long. **All Expression of Interests should be submitted in English Language.**

Note: EACOP LTD will review and assess the documents provided by companies that have expressed interest in accordance with this EOI and conduct evaluations based on internal criteria to determine which companies will be included in the list of pre-qualified companies. Only the pre-qualified companies will receive, by signing a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), an invitation to bid as a continuation of the call for tender process. EACOP LTD reserves the right at its sole discretion to make the decision to select or reject a company and maintain its decision without having to give reasons to the company concerned.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: YOUTH ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME - NO: 00000548

East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) LTD ("EACOP LTD") invites experienced and reputable companies or organizations to express their interest in the Design and Implementation of a Youth Economic Empowerment program in EACOP affected communities.

The EACOP Project involves the construction and operation of an underground and cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from Lake Albert area in Uganda to eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale, Hoima District in Uganda to the Chongoleani peninsula in Tanga, Tanzania crossing eight regions - Kagera, Geita, Shinyanga, Tabora, Singida, Dodoma, Manyara and Tanga, 28 administrative district councils and 231 communities.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:

EACOP plans to deliver a discretionary social investment program in EACOP affected communities. One program under consideration is to empower youth economically. The design may include, but not be limited to:

- Identification of number and location of target communities
- Identification of beneficiaries
- Identification of opportunities for market linkages
- Development of training and capacity building program on life skills, technical skills, vocational skills, and employability skills - using existing structures and adding tailor made inputs
- Program design should consider the specific needs and interests of young women
- Facilitating access to sustainable skills enhancement programs offered through other private and public institutions
- Facilitating access to credit
- Monitoring, coaching and ongoing support

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Organizations expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- Details of design and implementation of similar projects preferably within some of the EACOP regions including key elements of the projects, number of beneficiaries and overall value.
- Proof of registration with relevant Tanzanian Registration Bodies (Current BRELA Search, NGO Registration, OSHA).
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) and Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year available if relevant.
- Proof of Registration with EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database, or a proof of application for registration at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
- Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
- Financial capacity to deliver the services required including submission of financial accounts for year.
- Evidence of a QHSE Management system, organization, and process in compliance with applicable Local and Industry standards for similar works.
- Proof of Anti-corruption, Anti-bribery, Compliance and Human Rights policies.

Companies which have the ability, capacity, and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending an Expression of Interest (EOI) via email, together with the above listed documents through an email to procurement.tz@eacop.com (max. email size 20Mb) on or before **17:00 hours East African Time (EAT)**, on 21/07/2024 Email subject shall be: **EOI 00000548: Youth Economic Empowerment Programme** Statements of EOI should be no more than ten (10) to twenty (20) pages long. **All Expression of Interests should be submitted in English Language**

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Zanzibar youth called on to be active participants in all electoral processes

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

YOUNG people in Zanzibar have been urged to be active participants in the electoral processes for them to acquire political positions and contribute to the country's development.

Abdalla Abeid, Founder and Executive Director at the Zanzibar Fighting Against Youth Challenges Organization (ZAFAYCO) made the call here recently when speaking at a youth symposium that brought on board young people from across the Indian Ocean archipelago.

The two-day symposium was jointly organized by ZAFAYCO, Pamoja Youth Initiative (PYI), Centre Youth Dialogue (CYD), and Kijana Hai Foundation (KHF), in collaboration with the National Democratic Institute (NDI) with support from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

The symposium was aimed at encouraging the youth to participate in various political platforms and get leadership positions.

Abeid stated that good coordination is one of the strategies to increase the number of young people in decision-making to solve their challenges.

He said it is important to put in place friendly systems to get accurate information and distribute information related to opportunities for young people to use and benefit from them.

He also said "Involving young people in decision-making levels is one of the ways to create the right future leaders who will be able to lead their nation," he said.

Abeid said that young people have the right to elect and be elected, "so it is good to come forward to compete for leadership positions in the 2025 general election to increase the number of young people in decision-making bodies."

Khuzaima Mbarouk, a member of the Zanzibar House of Representatives also said that the participation of young people will

help raise their voices in the right decision-making bodies and pass agendas and policies related to young people.

She asked young people to participate in political and leadership training because it is important to use intelligence to enter leadership positions and not to use force.

One of the symposium participants Hija Abdalla asked the government to support the young generation to participate in every aspect of the electoral process because they are part of the contribution to the country.

"Stakeholders who are involved in youth issues should also create friendly systems that will help us in being involved in all platforms, it is good that the guidelines adopted by the youth should be given a percentage, especially in the elections," said Haji.

Asila Iddi from the Zanzibar Association for People with Developmental Disability (ZAPDD) said that in the conference, young people have learned to give themselves in the fields of leadership and to conduct research to make decisions.



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Asma Mwinyi Foundation director Asma Mwinyi (L) symbolically issues sanitary pads to 750 students of Dar es Salaam's Mzimuni Secondary School yesterday, the target being to reach 30,000 across Tanzania. Until now, there are more than 20,000 beneficiaries. Photo: Correspondent Maulid Mimbaga

FREETOWN

THE Board of Directors of the African Development Fund, the concessional window of the African Development Bank Group, approved a \$19.95 million grant for an initiative to provide livelihood for Sierra Leone's women and youth.

The "Job Creation for Youth and Women in Climate Smart Agriculture Value Chains and Waste Management" project, targets value chains where the youth and women are more active, such as cassava and fisheries.

The grant, part of the Transition Support Facility's Pillar 1, aims to tackle the root causes of fragility and insecurity in Sierra Leone. In addition, the Global Center on Adaptation will provide a grant of \$159,600 for technical assistance in

ADF grants \$19.95m to empower Sierra Leone's women and youth

developing adaptation strategies, including waste management policies.

Halima Hashi, the Bank Group's Country Manager in Sierra Leone, emphasized that 70 percent of project beneficiaries will be women, promoting gender equality and economic empowerment.

Specifically, the project will focus on Enhancing entrepreneurial skills in smart agriculture and waste-management value chains; improving access to funding for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs), economic groups and cooperatives led by young people and women;

expanding market access for youth and women-led MSMEs and building institutional capacity to improve the business environment and service delivery for entrepreneurs.

Key targets at improving funding access for 700 MSMEs, strengthening entrepreneurial and digital skills for 2,500 people in the cassava and fisheries value chains (70 percent of them women); training 1,000 people in waste-management value chains (250 of them women); facilitating business linkages between 700 MSMEs and large businesses; creating a digital marketplace benefitting 5,000

smallholder farmers and 4,850 value chain MSMEs.

The project aims to create 9,200 jobs, strengthen climate change adaptation capacity for 3,500 youth and women, and increase MSME revenues by at least 10 percent.

This initiative aligns with Sierra Leone's BIG FIVE Agenda and medium-term National Development Plan (2024-2030), which targets creating 500,000 new youth jobs by 2030. It also supports the African Development Bank's Ten-year Strategy (2024-2033) and its Country Strategy Paper (2020-2024) for Sierra Leone.

New law on child marriages is welcomed in Sierra Leone

By Umaru Fofana, Freetown

SIERRA Leone has brought in a new law banning child marriage with much fanfare at a ceremony organised by First Lady Fatima Bio in the capital, Freetown.

Invited guests, including first ladies from Cape Verde and Namibia, watched as her husband President Julius Maada Bio signed the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act into law.

Anybody now involved in the marriage of a girl aged under the age of 18 will be jailed for at least 15 years or fined around \$4,000 (£3,200), or both.

University student Khadijatu Barrie, whose sister was married off at 14, told the BBC she welcomed the ban but wished it had come in to save her younger sibling.

"I really wish it had happened earlier. I could have at least saved my sister and my friends and other neighbours," the 26-year-old gender studies undergraduate said.

Sierra Leone is a patriarchal society and it is common for a father to give his daughter's hand in marriage forcibly.

Ms Barrie faced this prospect aged 10. She resisted it and fled the family home after her father disowned her.

She was lucky enough to find teachers who paid for her school fees and a sympathetic worker from the UN children's agency who helped her out with accommodation.

But she says it is difficult for those who live in rural areas to buck tradition and every community will need to be informed about the new law for it to be effective.

"If everyone understands what's there waiting for you in case you do it I'm sure this country will be a better one," Ms Barrie said.

The ministry of health estimates that a third of girls are married off

before they turn 18, accounting for the country's high number of maternal deaths - among the highest in the world.

Those who face punishment under the new rules include the groom, the parents or guardians of the child bride, and even those who attend the wedding.

Mrs Bio, who has been at the forefront in campaigning against sexual abuse since her husband became president six years ago, wanted the signing of the bill to be a big occasion.

Since MPs passed the legislation a few weeks ago, it has not received much coverage locally.

At the ceremony, President Bio said that his "motivation and commitment to empowering women and girls is firmly rooted in my personal life journey."

His eight-year-old daughter was amongst those who watched him sign the bill.

The 60-year-old president explained how he had lost his father at an early age and had been brought up by his mother and later his elder sister who "supported and encouraged me to pursue my dreams to the best of my ability."

He acknowledged his wife's commitment to championing women's rights: "Together, we want to build an empowered Sierra Leone where women are given an even platform to reach their full potential. I have always believed that the future of Sierra Leone is female."

Rights activists reacted favourably to the law, calling it a watershed moment.

On their X page, the US Bureau of African Affairs welcomed the passage of the bill saying the "significant milestone not only protects girls but promotes robust human rights protections."



Tanga regional CCM chairman Rajabu Abdallah, who doubles as a member of the party's Central Committee, addresses a rally in Muheza town yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Steven William

By Special Correspondent

THE International Finance Corporation (IFC) and Deutsche Bank have announced a risk-sharing facility of up to €215m targeting importers and exporters of essential goods in Africa.

The partnership will initially cover risk for a portfolio of trade transactions originated by Deutsche Bank with 40 issuing banks across 18 African countries, 14 of which are classified by the World Bank Group as small, fragile and/or conflict affected.

The IFC will take up to 75 percent of Deutsche Bank's risk, which a spokesperson for the corporation says is in line with its agenda in the highest risk markets in Africa.

The IFC anticipates that this

IFC, Deutsche Bank to support African importers, exporters of essential goods

facility will encourage more financial institutions to offer trade finance on the continent, with the spokesperson telling GTR: "Deteriorated macro environments and downgraded country ratings, combined with regulatory rules, have made it very difficult for international correspondent banks to finance trade and serve issuing banks in many African countries - even if the individual financial institutions may be well-performing. Hence, the need to find solutions to risk share."

"The objective of us taking 75

percent of risk is to maintain some activity of confirming banks in Africa. We are doing this because we want them to stay in Sub-Saharan Africa, despite the difficult context."

The project is a global trade liquidity programme facility under the IFC's Africa trade and supply chain recovery initiative, a US\$1bn scheme that began financing initiatives in July 2022, and the first to be supported by the International Development Association's private sector window blended finance facility.

According to the IFC, African

countries imported and exported US\$1.1trn of goods and services in 2022, equivalent to 54 percent of the continent's GDP. However, the trade finance gap on the continent is only growing and was estimated to be as large as US\$120bn in 2023. The IFC hopes the deal will also help countries adapt to climate change and strengthen food security.

In April, Citi and British International Investment launched a US\$100m risk-sharing facility to finance imports of essential commodities including wheat, fertiliser and rice.

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TAHA outreaching important for using facilities like AGOA

GOOD times are beckoning for both Tanga Region courtesy of its spices and herbs and the country at large, as horticulture is undeniably not just gearing for a bright future but some of it is already visible.

A number of export agreements in Asian markets have in a sense added to existing multilateral trade arrangement, with the European Union (everything but arms) and the United States - the latter in its Africa Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), which for years we used only to a scratch of potential. We are on the rise now.

While the public is used to hearing of our country's northern horticultural belt, which sorts of blends with the tourism circuit, outreach activities are brisk.

It was initially in the southern highlands but it has since extended to other spots - for instance, in an accord reached between the Tanga City Council and the Tanzania Horticultural Association (TAHA).

A memorandum of understanding signed recently has airs of a transformative moment for the regional spices and herbs industry, depending on their agro-technical capacity and market size outside.

Judging by earlier reports, especially in past years, Tanzania was using a scant portion of its export quota or potential in zero-tax arrangements, as all that is sanitary checks for quality of produce.

Within a few years, the horticultural business organisation has developed a vast networking capacity, probably as doors tend to be opened for its efforts in comparison with traditional crops and the humdrum of export crops that don't have a spectacular element to them.

Flowers were the original stock in trade for horticultural networking, followed by delicate exports like green beans and avocados, while now less perishable output like spices and herbs are joining the fray.

As AGOA has 350 specific types of products that can be exported without customs charges, the sky is

really the limit.

Still reaching these markets is not a walk in the park, as our traditional farming methods don't accommodate standards facilitating so many crops to find markets beyond the next town or city open markets.

The MoU tasks the city council with facilitating TAHA support for farmers and other stakeholders in the regional horticultural value chains, like enhancing the production, processing and marketing of such crops.

The networking-cum-business group also provides a platform for value addition, knowledge facilitation on the latest horticultural technologies and practices, connecting them to domestic, regional and international markets. It is a full package of innovations in all those spheres, definitely.

Good practices will be disseminated from a one-stop shop to be built, as a horticultural common use facility, where the city authorities will allocate five acres of land in an upcoming industrial area.

Even more convincing is a projected 100-acre commercial model farm, with the designated area feasible for future expansion of the project.

There is something in this outreach exercise that approaches scale, needed for real take off of an industry in a competitive manner.

There is plenty of goodwill on the part of administrators at the city council, but a lot will depend on how far each stage of that wide ranging plan is executed according to plan, so that there is no discouragement on either participating side.

That is what observers are hoping for, especially as TAHA isn't just an association but a viable and increasingly experienced business group with excellent international connections and goodwill among a wide range of stakeholders.

Its ability to work both as an NGO and as a business group creates inward synergies that many firms or NGOs lack. We wish them all the best.

Business links help to undercut the penchant for a 'new order'

SUBTLE efforts to bring people closer together where they can share the same spectrums of appreciating what is good in life are indispensable in injecting a measure of stability and new governing moods into chaotic societies or older political systems.

What enables a country to move from a point of stagnation in a cycle of violence, or at times even crime, is partially the degree to which its people are exposed to the outside world. There is an affirmation that information is the first bulwark against tyranny, as it frees expression.

That is why there is good reason to be appreciative of efforts by the East African Business Council (EABC) to initiate workable links with the Somalia Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI).

That has been to the extent that civic bodies of this sort can be formed and regularly conduct their activities in a strife-ravaged country.

As in other countries where unrest is the order of the day, there are vast pockets there of stability capable of allowing for the enjoyment of a 'business as usual' atmosphere, despite an ever-present threat of war. Links that many people have with the outside world become part of their cultural reference frame.

In this particular instance, it was also an occasion to sign a landmark MoU to strengthen regional integration efforts - noticeably taking place in the edgy Somali capital, Mogadishu.

It was in the second day of the

East African Community (EAC) annual conference, where its being rotated to Mogadishu was itself an act of faith, as EABC member state delegates tried as much as they could to make that venue a normal meeting place.

The best way to make a nervous person calm is to be calm so that the feeling of strangeness dissipates when it is ignored, so bravo to EABC!

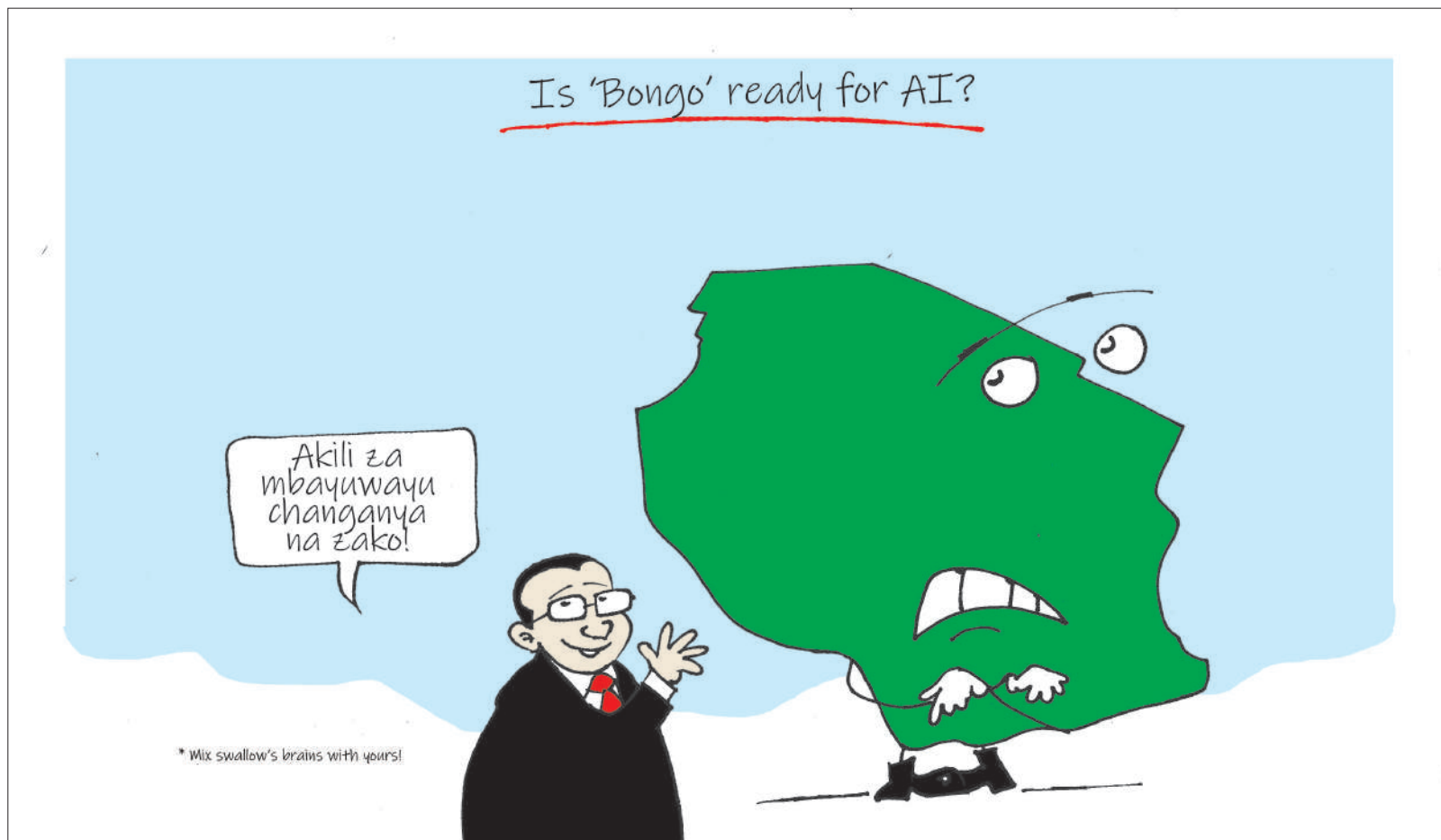
Unstable and even war-torn countries aren't that way because they enjoy being so but, rather, simply because that at that particular moment they are under the hold of an ideal, a penchant for change.

It may grip thousands or even millions of people in a country, but it is not sufficiently appreciative of the disdain others may have for that ideal.

So, there is a tussle between an active part of society wishing for that ideal or a new order and the rest of society, either changing it or despairing eventually. When such aspiration is democratic, it has a better chance of winning.

It is possible that the aims of the EABC leadership in the way they were aired at the conference were somewhat high-flown in underscoring the council's commitment to supporting the Somali business community in attracting investors and building strategic partnerships.

There is an immense to cover - and witness - in the days, months and years ahead and we all need to support efforts to lead to more proud achievements on various scores.



Women warriors winning the fight to bring back indigenous food traditions

By A Special Correspondent

AS the school lunch bell goes off, 40 eager little bodies - 41 if you count the school dog - burst out onto the veranda. Awaiting them are a stack of steel platters, into which will be ladled a nutritious and delicious lunch, all of it indigenous cuisine.

Earlier in this Lower Primary school in Meghalaya's East Khasi Hills, in India's north-east, the government-funded school meals aimed at reducing child malnutrition served only rice, potato and yellow lentils. In a Himalayan foothill region rich in biodiversity, with food systems based on locally grown and foraged edibles, the indigenous communities' healthy food is again being recognized and entering school meals.

Indigenous food systems, adapted over years to food crises including droughts, extreme cold and snow, persevered even in the face of decades of onslaught from commercialized government-backed monostaples - rice and wheat. These indigenous biodiversity warriors held on to their food systems through their unique and extremely localized culinary skills.

Many of the tribal food and forest products have medicinal values and tribal women were wise in this knowledge. Today, many of these are being packaged into 'nutraceuticals' combining nutrients and pharmaceuticals as preventives for general and lifestyle health issues. Just one example of many is Moringa leaves (Moringa oleifera), now packaged and sold in powder and tablet form. It contains minerals, Vitamin A, B6 and plenty of iron, which is why pregnant women have been asked for years to include Moringa in their diet.

The biggest recognition of their five decades-long endeavor since India's Green Revolution comes with the United Nations declaring 2023 as the International Year of Millets following a proposal by India, supported by over 70 countries, to raise awareness about millets' multiple benefits, from nutrition and health to environmental sustainability.

For perspective, starting in the 1960s, the Green Revolution transformed food systems, greatly expanding monocropping and the overall production of wheat and rice in Asia and elsewhere, replacing millets and other crops in many areas.

Now, the Indian government for its part, has included millets in the public food assistance scheme for the economically weaker sections, which reaches millions of poorer families. Given India's growing lifestyle diseases and that it's now known as the diabetes capital of the world, some of the upper classes in India are rapidly transitioning towards millets and other foods with medicinal properties.

Further, Geographical Indication (GI) tags - an official recognition of a unique product of food, art or craft originating in a specific location - are being awarded in larger numbers by the government. Several food preparations and grains that women of tribal communities have been preserving over generations are being awarded this certification, bringing sustainability and continuity to the GI products by opening up markets and offering trade-related protection under intellectual property rights.

The latest in the list in January 2024 is eastern state Odisha's chutney made from red weaver ants, a semi-solid paste known in the region for its medicinal and nutritional properties, harvested sustainably and eaten by certain tribal communities.

Preserved by women over centuries, now promoted by government and non-profits

"There has been a distinct trend of the government's attitude becoming more positive towards promoting indigenous foods in the last two to three years," said Bhogtoram Mawroh, a key research official of the Meghalaya-based non-profit North East Society for Agroecology Support (NESFAS).

"Indigenous edibles, local and in-season, are being revived in school meals that had gone out of the children's platter at home in the last few years. They include nutritious and medicinal cultivated and foraged greens and herbs like Jatira (water celery), Jamyrdoh (fish mint), Jali (wild leafy vegetable), Khliang syiar (herb Centella asiatica), Shriewkai, Jalynnir and Ja Miaw (wild leafy vegetables)," Mawroh elaborates. "The best development is that mothers too are cooking them at home now," he added.

NESFAS, which is piloting the indigenous school meal in 11 schools with 414 students from seven villages, aims to increase the coverage to 500 schools. While government school meal funding is utilized, Rome-based The Indigenous Partnership for Agrobiodiversity and Food

Sovereignty (TIP) is a major partner.

"Though still being consumed, this vegetable usage has gone down in recent years, especially among the younger generations. Innovation, in preparation to attract youth back to their ancient foods, is a major component of the revival," said Mawroh.

Here too, it's women's knowledge systems that spearhead innovation. While school cooks are being trained, it's the Biodiversity Management Committees that play a pivotal role. One of the few matrilineal societies that persists, the women elders in the Khasi community that mainly form these communities are repositories of traditional knowledge on hyper-local biodiversity. They have been gathering food from forests for generations and have knowledge of location, seasonality and properties. They advise what can be included in school lunch menus in each season.

Recognizing this, the biodiversity agency of the state government, along with local and international non-profits, has lately formed 71 Biodiversity Management Committees in rural Meghalaya to formally document in 'People's Biodiversity Registers' all the knowledge of local biodiversity, especially focusing on species that are close to extinction.

Indigenous food entrepreneurs: cafes run by women

Yet today, some indigenous women are boldly investing in their food systems at a higher level. They have become indigenous food entrepreneurs, opening exclusively tribal cafés serving centuries-old authentic cuisines, with some experimental recipes aimed at attracting popular taste.

Aruna Tirkey is one of them. Troubled by ethnic food being sidelined, and with it her community's identity, customs and culture, she decided eight years ago to revive those, whatever the challenges or financial costs.

From the Oraon tribe in India's Jharkhand State, Tirkey, a development professional in her 40s, said she started out with just 500 rupees (USD 6), selling millet-based stuffed dumplings on a mobile trolley.

Soon after, Tirkey decided to set up her restaurant in Jharkhand's capital city, Ranchi, serving exclusively Oraon food preparations. Named 'Ajam Emba' translating to 'great taste' in Oraon's spoken dialect, she took the bold

step with deep faith and hope that it would resonate with food connoisseurs.

It did. From an income of a few thousand rupees, earnings are currently touching 50 lakh rupees (about USD 59,932) a year.

"Over the last two to three years, Ajam Emba's sales have shot up because, post-Covid, more people are now conscious about healthy food choices," Tirkey told IPS. "Our food catering business for marriages, personal and office parties aside from restaurant sales is booming."

Currently operating from a rented place, Tirkey has poured in all her savings into building her own establishment, supplemented by bank loans. "Once the building is complete with authentic Oraon décor, my earnings will grow four times more. Such is the demand now for the novelty that tribal cuisine offers," Tirkey said.

"I am the head chef and will keep on experimenting and researching new recipes and best mix of ingredient."

It is for this reason that her clientele includes a large number of Oraon people themselves who have moved away from home for jobs. In Ajam Emba, they come to rediscover their childhood tastes. Foreign tourists, too, come to get a slice of a unique cuisine known for its minimal carbon footprint.

Tirkey trains and provides employment to her community women as cooks, helpers and waiters. Hundreds of farmers and foragers have benefited from providing ingredient to Ajam Emba's kitchen.

Dial Muktieh, 44, is busy slicing fresh bamboo shoots to be sautéed with smoked beef and served alongside wild edibles' green salad of jamyrdoh, leaves of garlic chive, perilla, lemon, salt and tomato, with roselle juice to wash it all down. In her Mei-Ramew Café or Mother Earth Café, in Khweng village in the hills of Meghalaya's Ri-Bhoi district, it's the youth mostly who come asking for this piping hot dish, which is giving a good run for money to modern junk foods. Also popular are indigenous preparations of dry fish chutney, fried small local fish, fried silk worms and tapioca cake.

Along with Muktieh, who learned traditional cooking and ingredients from her grandmother, Plantina Kharmujai's and one more Mother Earth Café are centres of hyperlocal ethnic food revival in Meghalaya.



The two significant types of learning and their implications towards attaining academic goals

LEARNING aims at value creation. The value of learning is all about its product which is knowledge. Knowledge helps in increasing skills thus promoting the status of an individual.

Acquisition of knowledge and skills enables leadership in a certain field. The ability to determine the future in certain socio-economic pursuits is what gives learning a value. This is because predicting the future ensures the life of a project. Learning aims at enabling individuals to be visionary. A learned individual is expected to be able to plan. Effective learning results from a vision.

It is learning which is also expected to enable individuals to improve their thinking capacity. The value of learning is seen when someone can think properly. This is manifested when people look for someone who has gone to school to get advice on certain matters. The real value of learning is on problem solving which leads to socio-economic development.

Individuals who struggle to acquire knowledge have some objectives mostly on living a standard life but influencing changes in the society can have more rewards to the learned person than their personal development. This perspective rests on the conviction that an individual's value increases when someone decides to live for others. Our initiatives should influence the lives of others.

According to the diffusion theory, something must start with a few individuals before it can spread to the entire society. The case is the same for learned individuals. They need to initiate changes in society. They should use their knowledge and skills to stimulate development. When society feels the importance of education, it becomes easy to convince individuals to invest in it.

Society needs to be aware that knowledge leads to respect as individuals can solve problems troubling the society and set it free. If individuals desire respect in solving problems they will be motivated to learn to acquire knowledge which is power.

One of the types of learning is classroom learning. This kind of learning takes place in schools, colleges or universities. Classroom learning is characterized by the following;

Seeking a certificate; in most education systems where people long for white collar jobs, certificates are important. The easy way to recognize one's competence is to consider their certificates. Therefore in classroom learning individuals are working hard so that they can acquire certificates which will identify them in the job market.

Doing examinations and tests; the measure of understanding in classroom learning is examinations and tests. The lives of learners in classroom learning are dominated by examinations and tests. Learners find themselves under pressure to pass examinations as it is the measure of excellence in the learning process. They may sometimes cram answers in order to pass an exam. Success is measured by performance in examinations.

Formal and planned learning; classroom learning is dominated by formal procedures and fixed period of learning. In order to perform well, strictness is important in classroom learning. After every fixed period there is assessment through either examinations or tests. These examinations or tests are what shape the certificate. One cannot get a good certificate if they are not serious with examinations.

Another type of learning is after-school learning. This type of learning is characterized by the following;

Seeking improvement; this is when an individual has acquired a certain certificate but they want to increase their level of understanding. The aim of this type of learning is consolidating their knowledge. In classroom learning a lot is taught some of which someone may not understand in detail. Therefore after-school learning gives an individual an opportunity to revise and hence master what he had learnt to improve execution of their duties.

Absence of examinations and tests; this type of learning is motivated by individual's willingness and hence there is no tension of examinations or tests. Individuals learn without pressure and hence a huge possibility of understanding what they learn. Effective learning must originate from an individual. Therefore if after-school learning is encouraged there may be a lot of improvement in the way people conduct their activities.

Lack of formal and planned learning; individuals can decide at what time and which topic they want to learn. There is no condition binding them. They decide depending on their needs. There is a high degree of flexibility in learning. As learners learn topics or aspects of study of their choice, there is a high possibility of understanding.

Learning is a life-long process. It aims at leading to advancement in different aspects of human life. It is therefore an obligation of the entire society to create an environment which will promote development of knowledge and its subsequent use so as to attain a desired level of development. Effective learning demands time and financial resources for it to bear fruits. Therefore the society should be ready to invest in learning to aid the socio-economic transformation which must be the target of any rational human being.



INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - PREQUALIFICATION OF SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR INSPECTION AND REPAIR OF CAR LIFTERS AND TYRE CHANGERS

I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company"), a subsidiary of AngloGold Ashanti ("AGA") is in north-western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5 km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of prequalifying Service Providers for Provision for Inspection and Repair of Car Lifters and Tyre Changers and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible applicants to submit Expressions of Interest for this service as detailed below.

NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST ON THIS SERVICE. SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES WILL BE SUBJECTED TO THE ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI VETTING PROCESS.

Scope of Service:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01881	INSPECTION AND REPAIR OF CAR LIFTERS AND TYRE CHANGERS

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
COMMERCIAL
Company Profile and Updated Organogram
Company Code of Conduct and Ethics
Copy of Current Business License
Copy of Certificate of Incorporation, the most recent BRELA search, and the latest BRELA application of annual return.
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC), TIN Certificate and VRN certificate
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association
Compliance with Mining Act-Approved Letter of Local Content Plan.
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE
Applicants audited financial statements for the latest three years.
At least 1 reference from the applicant's bankers regarding supplier's credit position.
All bank statements of the Applicants active bank accounts for the past 6 months to date
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS
OSHA Compliance Certificate
Copy of Workers' Compensation Fund Certificate
Environmental compliance certificate
Safety and Environmental policy
OTHER POLICIES
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labor
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment
Grievance Procedure
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Program
PAST EXPERIENCE
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01881)
Service warranty letter not less than 3 months
Reference PO's or invoices as evidence of experience on inspection and repair of car lifters and tyre changer.
Provide qualification certificates of Technicians/engineers who will perform inspection and repair of car lifters
Certificate of accreditation to do inspection & repair of lifting equipment including car lifters under national or international standards

III. Interested Applicants must quote "GGME01881 - INSPECTION AND REPAIR OF CAR LIFTERS AND TYRE CHANGERS" on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL for submission of Letters of Interest ("LOI"). Letters of Interest must indicate the Applicant's full name, contact details, and name of the principal contact.

IV. All LOIs and supporting documentation (in PDF format) must be submitted to the Company via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com without copying any individual from the Company. Submission must not be later than **8.30 AM (EAT) on 18th July 2024**. (the "LOI" Submission Deadline). EOI submissions should not exceed 150MB per email. In case the size of the email with attachments exceeds 150MB, applicants must split the submissions into multiple emails.

V. Shortlisted Applicants will be notified within forty-five (45) calendar days from the submission deadline. Applicants not contacted within the forty-five (45) calendar days should consider themselves unsuccessful.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Best Group (T) Ltd under the firm instruction of **BULYANHULU GOLD MINE LIMITED** will conduct a public auction of scrap machineries and equipment's on Saturday 20 day of **July, 2024** from **10:00 A.M** at Bulyanhulu Gold Mine as described in the table below:-

ITEMS TO BE AUCTIONED
LOADER SKID STEER CAT236B, EXCAVATOR CAT325BL, TRACK DOZER CATD8R, FORKLIFT; MANITOU MVT685T_6.5T, FORKLIFT MANITOU 8T, CATERPILLAR DP30N FORKLIFT 3T, TRUCK TATA 713 S_LPK, HAULAGE TRUCK VOLVO, HAULAGE TRUCK TH540, TRUCK TH430 SANDVIK, DRILL QUASAR FACE DD210, INTEGRATED TOOL CARRIER CAT, HEAVY MOBILE LOADER, LOADER TORO T151D, LH307 SANDVIK, DRILL LONGHOLE DL311-7, LOADER 7 YARD, TRACTOR MASSEY FERGUSON, ATLAS COP SIMBAI257 PRODUCTION, FLAT BED TRUCK BOART SECO, HAULAGE TRUCK CAT730

TERMS AND CONDITION OF AUCTION:-

- Participants should adhere with all safety requirements and standards of Bulyanhulu Gold Mine including wearing mask, reflectors and safety boots.
- That interested customer are invited to visit the site for viewing and inspecting items from Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th day of July 2024 from 10.00 A.M up to 4:00 PM.
- Purchasers shall pay exempted tax items to the Tanzania Revenue Authority, TRA officers will be present for clarification and guidance.
- That the purchaser participation is subject to payment of entrance fee which is refundable to his/her account if will not purchase any items
- The entrance fees will be TZS 10,000,000./= (Tanzania Shilling Ten Million Only) per each participant and will be issued with special entrance card
- The entrance fees will be deposited to

Account- 22310047571
 Account Name-BEST GROUP (T) LIMITED
 Bank Name- NMB Bank PLC
 Currency- TZS
- Payments other than the entrance fees will be paid through the following bank account.

Account 0106092142500
 Account Name-BULYANHULU GOLD MINE LTD
 Bank Name- Standard Chartered
 Currency-TZS
- The highest bidder will pay a non-refundable deposit of twenty-five per cent (25%) of the bid price which shall be paid at the end of auction and the balance of seventy-five per cent (75%) shall be paid within three working days after sale.
- Where the balance of seventy-five percent (75%) is not paid as specified, the bid shall lapse and deposited funds shall not be refunded and the items shall be reoffered for sale to other interested customers.
- The seller shall not give warranty on the quality, quantity, packaging condition or any other particular of the assets/goods offered for sale as such an item is auctioned AS-IS and thus request for replacement or refund shall not be accepted.
- Goods purchased at an auction shall be removed from the warehouse/yard within fourteen (14) working days and where the purchaser fail to remove the goods, he or she shall be liable to pay the warehouse rent and any other charges within 16 working days after that the bought items shall be sold to other customers and the buyer from the auction shall have no right to claim the same.
- If the winner fails to pay within the prescribed time above, he/she will be blacklisted as a defaulter to attend other auctions
- For claiming items, the winner shall present; a) A valid copy of paid payment bill and bank receipt b) Power of attorney in case owner send representative c) Provide proper identification such as passport, National I.D or valid Driver's licence. d) TRA confirmation release document to confirm payment of tax. e) Third party claims shall not be entertained.
- Sellers reserves the right to cancel/withdrawal the auction at any time when need be, in accordance with the law, rules and regulation governing the auction process.
- Bidders are strictly warned of any malpractice which includes but not limited to feeding wrong information failing to pay bid amount upon winning the bid within the prescribed period. Failure to abide to this condition infringes the Economic and Organized Crime control Act. Cap 200 and it amount to serious offense.
- Terms and Condition of this auction are to be carefully considered by any interested person before auction participation.
- Bidder are advised to use registered tax consultants, Clearing Agents and Logistic Companies in transporting abnormal luggage, the auctioneers may recommend or assist to get the services providers upon request by the purchaser but exempted from any liability on their contractual obligations.

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By Mohammed Zain Shafi Khan

'Agony and pain': United States health experts reflect on the horrors in Gaza

NURSE Omar Sabha shares his experience treating patients near Gaza City as Israel continues to wage war in the enclave.

The memories keep him awake at night. All it takes is for a mobile phone to buzz or an aeroplane to fly low overhead, and his mind snaps back to Gaza, where warplanes streak through the sky and low-rumbling drones herald impending attacks.

Omar Sabha, 44, of Orange County, California, only spent 10 days in Gaza. But what he and other American medical personnel experienced there has left them grappling with the scale of the humanitarian disaster unfolding.

Gaza has been under an Israeli military assault since October last year. More than 37,900 Palestinians have been killed, and another 87,000 have been wounded, straining a healthcare system already in tatters.

And then there are the allegations of human rights abuses. When Sabha first crossed the Gaza-Egypt border in April, Sabha said, noting he was plunged into a chaotic scene.

Trucks were everywhere. People scrambled to collect their bags. And in their midst, Sabha noticed a man carrying eggs, a seemingly odd sight. He later found out that the man worked for World Central Kitchen, a non-profit delivering food to hungry Palestinians.

That was the last time Sabha saw the man and his team alive. "They left 20 minutes before I did," he said. "Forty minutes after we got to our hospital, they were brought in dead."

They were the first corpses Sabha saw on his arrival at Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital in Deir el-Balah, south of Gaza City.

Israeli forces had bombed the aid workers' convoy – something the Israeli government described as an accident but rights groups called a possible war crime.

To this day, Sabha is still haunted by the pulse of the airstrikes he heard. "That sound never goes away in my head," he said.

Inspired by grief
A bald, round-faced father of two with a warm smile, Sabha had been looking into a career change when he decided to become a registered nurse. He previously served in the United States Marine Corps and owned a gym.

Sabha's entry into medicine coincided with the start of Israel's war in Gaza. On October 7, 2023, the Palestinian group Hamas launched an attack in southern Israel, and Israel responded with a declaration of war.

Less than three weeks later, on October 23, Sabha graduated from West Coast University in California with a degree to be an operating room nurse.

But news from his extended family in Gaza interrupted the happy occasion. An Israeli drone strike had killed some of his relatives.

"An hour after I graduated and passed my exams, my second cousin's building got bombed and 20 of them were murdered," Sabha said. "I was overwhelmed with guilt, grief and [was] just upset."

He ultimately decided to volunteer with Humanity Auxilium, a healthcare nonprofit providing medical relief in conflict areas, as well as regions affected by natural disasters.

In his brother's footsteps
Sabha arrived in Gaza just as his younger brother Mahmoud Sabha, 39, was concluding a mission with



A Palestinian man receives treatment for burns in Rafah, a city in southern Gaza, on March 20.

the same organisation. Their stay overlapped for a couple of days.

A physician based in Texas, Mahmoud had left the US in March, knowing the trip to Gaza came with risks.

As of May, the Ministry of Health in Gaza reported that more than 493 healthcare workers have been killed in Gaza since October 7. Another 214 have been detained by Israeli forces, according to the World Health Organization.

The Israeli military has also carried out more than 400 attacks on healthcare facilities in the area. It has admitted to conducting air strikes on ambulances and clinics, which rights groups warn could constitute violations of international humanitarian law.

Israel, however, has denied wrongdoing, saying it was targeting Hamas fighters.

For Mahmoud, confronting the dangers for medical personnel in Gaza meant preparing for his own death be-

fore his departure.

"We made sure we completed [the will] before I left, because there was always a chance that you might get bombed or get stuck there," Mahmoud said. "We knew there was a possibility of dying."

When Mahmoud crossed paths with his brother in Gaza, similar fears flashed across his mind.

"When I left, I started being nervous for him, even though I was just in that position a few days ago," Mahmoud said. "I was wishing I was seeing him for longer."

Taking comfort in colleagues

But Sabha did not arrive in Gaza alone. He travelled with his friend, Jawad Khan, a 40-year-old orthopaedic doctor specialising in hand surgery.

The two men shared a room during their stay in the Palestinian enclave, and they often confided in each other about their experiences.

Unlike Sabha, Khan was on his third volunteer medical mission, having previously served in the West Bank city of Ramallah in 2012 and 2017. But this trip marked his first time in war-torn Gaza.

"It was just a very surreal feeling," Khan said. "You felt the signs of the war right away."

Khan still remembers his first case like it was yesterday: He had to treat an eight-year-old girl who had been shot in the arm.

She had been playing with her sisters when Israeli drones shot all four of them. One died, and two were shot in the leg, Khan said.

"It resonates because I have a daughter the same age," Khan added. He estimated that more than 75 percent of the people he treated were children, under the age of 18.

Meanwhile, in his role as a nurse, Sabha assisted with surgeries, often performing amputations. The most common injuries he encountered were life-threatening wounds from shrapnel.

"I was scared at first. I was scared of the drones, the bombs and everything. But then you look around and you see everybody," Sabha explained. "You get the courage from that."

Even the constant rattle of air attacks started to feel comforting: "The bombs come and that shakes the building. If you hear it, that means you're alive."

Sabha and Khan also said they helped each other cope with the horrors, by talking through what they had seen.

"I think with those conversations, you know, we were both able to really process our emotions," Khan explained.

Few resources but many patients
The hospital where Sabha and Khan were stationed was also feeling a strain. Though it was designed for 200 people,

it housed more than 10,000, according to Sabha.

Many patients were suffering from severe injuries. Others faced amputations. Few had anywhere else to go.

Sabha recalled that there was only "one bathroom for every 200 to 300 people". Doctors, meanwhile, had to improvise emergency room (ER) settings.

"When patients come into the ER, they don't have a bed for them. They're seeing them on the ground," Sabha said. "In that hospital hallway, you're always jumping over someone's leg, over a body."

Sabha remembers seeing 20 to 30 patients each day – all while fasting for the holy month of Ramadan. A practising Muslim, he survived on four hours of sleep and approximately two protein bars a day, he said.

But the volume of patients did not just tax the hospital's limited space: It also stretched resources thin. Gaza has been under a heightened siege since October 7, with food, water and medical supplies scarce.

That meant Sabha and Khan had to work with limited medications and instruments.

"We definitely had to be very creative and get out of our comfort zone," Khan said. He explained that, in normal circumstances, "when we fix fractures, we use certain types of screws, certain types of plates, certain types of rods."

But in Gaza, "we kind of had to use the wrong implant to fix something because that's all that was available."

The health situation was made all the more dire by Gaza's crumbling infrastructure. Constant bombings had left buildings weakened and unstable, and the lack of sanitation facilities bred rampant mosquitoes.

"There is no sanitation system there right now. The garbage is just piling up. So that smell is kind of around everywhere," Khan said.

"Imagine you walk by a junkyard. It wasn't a pleasant smell."

Coping with violence
Even now, months after his experience, Sabha is struggling to come to terms with the situation in Gaza.

"Agony and pain all the time. And I'm telling you, the scene was surreal. I have a hard time getting that image out of my head because it's so vivid," he said.

He remembers breaking down and crying in his hospital room after treating patients. One eight-year-old child named Dana arrived with burns covering about 70 percent of her body, he said.

As he continues his career as a nurse in the US, he still experiences flashes of the bloodshed he witnessed.

When he washes his hands with the antiseptic Betadine to sterilise himself before entering an operating room, the smell transports him back to Gaza. The same thing happens when he catches a whiff of burning flesh while cauterising wounds.

"For the first couple days I was back in the hospital, [it was] very traumatising for me," Sabha said. "It was extremely hard for me."



Omar Sabha (left) and Jawad Khan (right) passes out chocolates during their visits with young patients.

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Women trained on ways to generate income from forest-friendly activities

LUSAKA

WOMEN farmers in one of Zambia's most important forest areas, the Kafue sub-basin, recently completed a training programme, supported by the African Development Bank and the Climate Investment Funds (CIF), on how to generate income from forest-friendly activities.

From June 10-14, the women attended courses in Lusaka devoted to activities, such as beekeeping and mushroom production, and business management. New income streams are key in poor rural areas where saving forests is critical to meeting the challenge of climate change.

This initiative took place under the auspices of the Strengthening Climate Resilience in the Kafue Sub-Basin (SCRiKA) project. It aimed to strengthen the development of non-timber forest products (NTFPs) and equip women with essential skills for sustainable forest resource utilisation and effective business management.

Beekeeping sessions covered essential aspects like equipment, apiculture site selection, bee management, and honey processing. Mushroom production training focused on oyster mushroom farming.

Participants also learned business management, financial literacy, market dynamics, value chain analyses, networking, collaboration, governance, and leadership skills. Additionally, they were taught basic climate risk analysis for various livelihood strategies.

The SCRiKA project, funded by the CIF through the African Development Bank, seeks to enhance rural communities' adaptive capacities, focusing on gender-responsive actions due to women's increased vulnerability.

Hawa Msham, Principal Country Programme Officer of the African

Development Bank Zambia office, emphasised, "This activity builds on SCRiKA's efforts, emphasising female-led climate adaptation initiatives through grants and business management training. It aims to economically empower women and ensure sustained project benefits. Given that Zambia's Kafue sub-basin faces severe climate change impacts such as droughts and floods, which significantly affect agriculture, this training is crucial."

Zambia faces serious humanitarian challenges due to frequent droughts, floods and heat waves driven by climate change. These disaster risks affect the country's poorest communities, especially in rural areas, which rely on rainfall for agriculture. Erratic weather patterns, compounded by the El Niño effect, are driving the overall increasing severity of food insecurity.

The training also provided comprehensive insights into sustainable livelihoods with a focus on NTFPs. Participants were equipped with skills in resilient livelihood strategies, enabling them to implement projects that build resilience against climate change. According to Sylvestre Siame of the Forestry Department, "the training on NTFPs is crucial for enhancing resilience and diversified livelihoods among women. Given that women are among the most vulnerable groups to climate change, this training is vital in providing alternative livelihoods and reducing overdependence on natural resources for household income."

Participants expressed their enthusiasm and appreciation for the training.

An enthusiastic Sophia Moonga of the Sekaseka Women Group in Chibombo declared: "Beekeeping is a sustainable practice that can improve our household income. This is my first-ever training on beekeeping."

Grace Ngoma Mwanachingwala

from the Moringa Women Group in Mazabuka added: "Now we know that honey is produced by bees from flowers. We will plant more trees and conserve our forests to increase honey production and our income." Linda Lupoleka of the Chilaleta Women Group in Mumbwa shared: "We have learned how to access good markets for the products. I have learned a lot about budgeting and the importance of savings."

The training enhanced participants' knowledge of sustainable livelihoods, increased awareness of unsustainable practices, promoted gender equality in livelihoods, and improved their ability to identify and analyse climate risks. It also provided a better understanding of market dynamics and value chain analyses, knowledge of legal and regulatory frameworks governing forest-based activities, skills for building networks and fostering collaborations, enhanced financial literacy and entrepreneurial skills, improved understanding of governance principles and leadership skills, and knowledge of asset management. "The women were engaging and able to grasp concepts easily. When implemented, the lessons will help communities adapt to climate change, build resilience and have enduring impact for generations to come," concluded Felix Kanungwe Kalaba, a trainer.

The training highlighted the urgent need to adopt climate-smart practices and addressed gender dynamics for inclusive participation. Tailoring the content to the Kafue sub-basin effectively tackled regional challenges. Future programmes should include more practical sessions, such as field visits, to reinforce theoretical knowledge. Continuous capacity-building and establishing monitoring and evaluation mechanisms will be crucial for assessing impact and ensuring the sustainability of the enterprises.



Vacancy Announcement

ASA MICROFINANCE (TANZANIA) LIMITED Creating Hope, Changing Fortunes.

ASA Microfinance (Tanzania) Limited (ASA Tanzania) is a subsidiary of ASA International Group plc ('ASA International' or 'the Group'), one of the largest international microfinance institutions offering socially responsible financial services to low-income, primarily female, entrepreneurs across Africa.

ASA International owns and operates microfinance institutions, including deposit-taking microfinance banks, in India, Pakistan, The Philippines, Sri Lanka, Nigeria, Ghana, Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda, Myanmar, Zambia, and Sierra Leone. The Group is headquartered in Amsterdam, The Netherlands and has a premium listing on the main market of the London Stock Exchange.

Central to ASA International's mission is enhancing financial inclusion and fostering social and economic development within the communities it serves. As of December 31, 2023, the Group operates over 2,000 branch offices and manages a gross loan portfolio exceeding USD 369 million. With a dedicated team of over 13,400 employees worldwide, ASA International serves 2.3 million clients.

Position: Head of IT - 01 Post

Job profile and responsibilities

The Head of IT & MIS will be responsible for overseeing the strategic planning, implementation, and management of information technology management information systems within the organization.

The role requires a dynamic leader with a deep understanding of both microfinance operations and technological innovations. Main responsibilities include:

- > **Strategic Planning:**
 - > Develop and execute the IT & MIS strategy aligned with the organization's overall goals and objectives.
 - > Identify opportunities to leverage technology and data analytics to improve efficiency, scalability, and client experience in microfinance operations.
 - > Stay abreast of industry trends and emerging technologies to drive innovation and competitive advantage.
- > **IT Infrastructure Management:**
 - > Oversee the design, implementation, and maintenance of robust IT infrastructure, including hardware, software, networks, and security systems.
 - > Ensure the reliability, availability, and security of IT systems to support uninterrupted business operations.
 - > Establish and enforce IT policies, procedures, and best practices to safeguard data integrity and privacy.
- > **Management Information Systems (MIS):**
 - > Lead the development and enhancement of MIS platforms to facilitate data-driven decision-making across the organization.
 - > Collaborate with stakeholders to define reporting requirements and ensure timely and accurate delivery of management information.
 - > Implement analytics tools and dashboards to monitor key performance indicators and track organizational performance.
- > **Vendor Management:**
 - > Manage relationships with IT vendors, service providers, and consultants to ensure quality service delivery and cost-effective solutions.
 - > Evaluate and negotiate contracts, service level agreements, and pricing terms to optimize value for the organization.
 - > Monitor vendor performance and compliance with contractual obligations.
- > **Team Leadership:**
 - > Recruit, develop, and mentor a high-performing IT & MIS team capable of delivering results in a fast-paced environment.
 - > Foster a culture of collaboration, innovation, and continuous learning within the department.
 - > Provide leadership and guidance to team members to ensure alignment with organizational objectives.

Qualifications

- > Bachelor's degree in Computer Science, Information Technology, Business Administration, or a related field.
- > Master's degree will be a Plus.
- > Proven 10 Years experience in a leadership role overseeing IT and MIS functions, preferably in the microfinance or financial services sector.
- > Strong technical expertise in IT infrastructure management, software development, database administration, and cybersecurity.
- > Experience with MIS platforms, data analytics tools, and business intelligence solutions.
- > Excellent communication, interpersonal, and stakeholder management skills.
- > A passion for leveraging technology and data to drive operational excellence and business growth.

Work environment

You will be part of the team in Tanzania, with opportunities to collaborate with colleagues across Asia and Africa.

Reporting line

The Head of IT & MIS shall report to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

Salary

Market conform salary and employment conditions.

Job location

Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania

Position: Accounts Manager (ACC-M) - 01 Post

Job Responsibilities:

- > Check and prepare daily transactions bill before payment and adjustments.
- > Check the daily temporary advance register.
- > Check the physical cash count with cash denomination on a daily basis.
- > Check the WHT or VAT on applicable items.
- > Check the online and Cash transfer from HO to Br. bank account and Br. to HO bank account.
- > Check M-PESA transactions from HO to Br.
- > Check all journals with general ledgers and trial balance of AMMS system.
- > Prepare monthly reporting pack as per trial balance and general ledgers.
- > Prepare bank reconciliation of each bank account and fund reconciliation from HO to Br. and Br. HO.
- > Calculate the city service levy and prepare Return of HO & all branches.
- > Prepare Debit Voucher Credit voucher and Journal Voucher in the AMMS.
- > Prepare the monthly reporting pack on 8th day of the following month and send it to Dhaka Office review purpose.
- > Prepare the Payroll Sheets on a monthly basis as per HR documents.
- > Prepare the PAYE & SDL, LAPP, PPF, SSF and HESLB report on a monthly basis and submit to respective authority within timeline.
- > Prepare staff loan interest schedule on a monthly basis.
- > Prepare the fixed assets Register and Fixed assets Schedule monthly basis.
- > Prepare the Rent Schedule for each branch.
- > Prepare the monthly WHT summary, SDL & PAYE summary and SDL return.
- > Calculate monthly interest of ASAI loan and other loans. Check interest Fx loss or gain with ASA Interest book quarterly basis.
- > Preserve all documents duly in the file.
- > Check the chart of accounts for new GL code opening and check the link of the reporting pack.
- > To provide info and documents to Dhaka Office when required.
- > To provide and fill up the funder's requirements.
- > To provide all info and documents to TRA or Tax consultant.

Qualifications

- > Senior management experience in accounting
- > Proficiency in financial reporting, analysis, and trend monitoring. A Qualified Chartered Accountant having CPA/ FCA/ FCCA/ACCA qualification
- > Having in-depth knowledge of IFRS standards
- > Banking or microfinance experience would be an advantage.
- > Sound knowledge of accounting principles, external audit, international tax laws and best practices.
- > Treasury and currency exchange management experience would be an advantage.
- > Excellent interpersonal, communication, and management skills
- > Strong leadership and change management skills.
- > Strong organizational and ethical acumen
- > High proficiency level in verbal and written English

Work environment

You will be part of the team in Tanzania, with opportunities to collaborate with colleagues across Asia and Africa.

Reporting line

The Accounts Manager shall report to the Chief Financial Officer

Salary

Market conform salary and employment conditions.

Job location

Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania

If you feel you are the right match for the above-mentioned position, please apply with a cover letter along with up-to-date resume (see requirements to recruitment@asatanzania.co.tz or you can drop your application at our Head Office at Plot No.87, Msese Street, Kinondoni Road, Dar es Salaam before **1700HRS 31st July 2024**.

General requirements for applicants of all posts

- > Cover letter
- > Curriculum Vitae enclosing details of work experience, skills and with postal and telephone contacts of Three Referees.
- > One passport size photograph attached in CV.

Application deadline: 31st July 2024

Please Note: Only complete applications (cover letter and CV) will be considered and only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. We will reach out to you so please do not call us about the status of the application. No allowances will be admissible for interview.

We stand for inclusion & diversity. Therefore, we warmly encourage everyone to apply, regardless of gender, background, ethnicity, age, religion, etc.

NOTICE OF THE 51ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that the 51st Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of Tanzania Breweries Public Limited Company will be held in **Ruaha Hall at Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre** with an online option on **25th July 2024 at 0900hrs**, for the following purposes:

1. **Session with the minority representatives**
2. **Notice of the Meeting**
Notice convening the meeting to be taken as read.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
To approve and sign the minutes of the 50th Annual General Meeting.
4. **Matters Arising from the minutes of the previous meeting**
5. **Financial Statements and Directors' Report**
To receive, consider and adopt the Directors' Report, Auditors' Report and the audited financial statements for the year ended **31st December 2023**.
6. **To ratify dividend paid for the year ended 31st December 2023**
7. **Appointment of Statutory Auditors**
To approve the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers as the external auditors for the next financial year ending **31st December 2024**.
8. **Any other business**
Any other business needs to be brought to the attention of the Secretary at least seven clear days before the meeting.

BY THE ORDER OF THE BOARD

Note:

- i. Any member entitled to attend and vote, if unable to attend for any reason, is entitled to appoint a proxy or proxies to attend, speak, and, on a poll, vote in his/her stead and such a proxy need not also be a member of the Company.
- ii. Proxy forms should be forwarded to reach the registered office of the Company or the office of the Company Secretary at least 48 hours before the time fixed for the holding of the meeting or can be emailed to tblcorporate.communications@ab-inbev.com.
- iii. The AGM shall be hosted on the Mkutano eAGM platform virtually. Participants who are wishing to attend the AGM virtually are expected to sign up well before time. The details of the platform are provided below. Kindly ensure that:
 1. You have downloaded Google Chrome <https://www.google.com/chrome/> or Microsoft edge <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/edge>
 2. Sign up using the following link <https://escrowagm.com/csd/Login.aspx>
 3. On the day of the meeting, kindly login at least 20 minutes before the meeting to ensure that you are settled ahead of the scheduled starting time using the link above to then,
 - Enter username
 - Enter Password
 - Click Login
 - Click Join on the blue button
 - Click Join audio by Computer to attend the live meeting
4. If you are new to the platform, kindly click Sign-Up and capture the required details. If you have problems with the login, please call/WhatsApp the provided below helplines.
5. For better experience, please use a windows device and Chrome browser. Use of Apple devices must be done in consultation with the system Administrator.

Documents:
The Annual Report, Proxy Form, Minutes and matters arising from the previous Annual General Meeting can be accessed on <https://tanzaniabreweries.co.tz/>

REGISTRY SERVICES AND SHARE RELATED INQUIRIES
We wish to inform the shareholders of Tanzania Breweries Public Limited Company who have share transmission issues or want to change their details or with dividend issues should contact CSD & Registry Company Limited (CSDR) through the following address:

Registrar
CSD & Registry Company Limited,
Kambarage House, 2nd Floor, Ufukoni Street,
P. O. Box 70081,
Dar es Salaam,

Hotline: +255 746 160 516 / +255 677 070 414,
Email: registrar@csdr.co.tz

Embracing agroecology to promote productive systems of farming, food security and nutrition

By Correspondent Zuwena Shame

AGROECOLOGY can contribute to transformation towards healthier and sustainable food systems, according to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Former FAO Director-General, José Graziano da Silva said during the 2nd International Agroecology Symposium in Rome that most food production has been based on high-input and resource-intensive farming systems at a high cost to the environment, and as a result, soil, forests, water, air quality and biodiversity continue to degrade.

He underscored the need to promote a transformative change in a way that people can produce and consume food through sustainable food systems that offer healthy and nutritious food and also preserve the environment.

This has also been a call by small-holder farmers all over the world under the umbrella of La Via Campesina as well as regional bodies such as Eastern and Southern small-scale farmers forum (ESAFF) to which the National Network of Small-Scale Farmers Groups in Tanzania (MVIWATA) is a member.

Farmers are concerned that food production should be democratized and localized using peasant agroecology, that encompasses not only practices of preserving soils and the environment but a political paradigm of changing the world-order in food production.

With ecologically based agricultural systems, agroecology reduces exposure to pesticides and chemicals that are harmful to people's health, helping prevent diseases such as cancer and hormonal dysfunctions, in addition to producing food of a greater variety and quality.

Agroecology has the potential to feed the world sustainably by promoting resilient, diverse, and productive farming systems. Its success depends on supportive policies, investment in research and extension services, and a shift in agricultural paradigms towards sustainability.

By addressing environmental, social, and economic dimensions of farming, agroecology can contribute significantly to global food security and sustainability.

The National Network of Small-Scale Farm-



Some members of Lyamungo Agricultural and Marketing Co-operatives Societies (AMCOS) and National Network of Small-Scale Farmers Groups in Tanzania (MVIWATA) making natural pesticides using natural ingredients during an agroecology training session in Kilanya village, Hai District, Kilimanjaro Region.

ers Groups in Tanzania believes that agroecology as a practice has been there for years, embedded within small-scale farmers' culture in seed multiplication and saving, land preparation, plating and crop management to harvesting and post-harvest management.

To this end, MVIWATA also believes that agroecology in a current setting is a political project that seeks to change the pushed narrative of agribusiness, which in simple terms to African context means more fertilizers, more pesticides, more hybrid seeds and the majority small-scale farmers are only looked upon as a mere market of the big multinational corporations of the mentioned above products.

An effective push-back is only possible if the struggle is waged at all fronts, one being small-scale farmers keeping in-tact their rich agroecological practices for po-

litical, social, environmental and economic justice.

The small scale farmers' network organized training on agroecology to emphasize on the continuous process of strategizing and allowing farmers to exchange information and learn to fight against the capital system which in agriculture identifies itself largely on seeds, fertilizers, chemical pesticides all under the name of modernism.

In 2024 alone, MVIWATA organized one national agroecology school and localized trainings on agroecology participated by farmers from Zanzibar, Manyara, Dodoma, Kilimanjaro, Morogoro, Shinyanga, Geita, Simiyu and Mtwara regions whereas more than 100 demonstration plots were set by farmers in different areas to demonstrate, test and practice different skills and experiences.

In Hai District, Kilimanjaro Region where many farmers are in-

clined towards the 'modern' way of agriculture, MVIWATA conducted three day agroecological training for its members and members of the Lyamungo AMCOS whereby more than 100 members participated.

Joharia Mushi, is one of the participants, she was happy with the received training on agroecology farming saying it has personally benefited her as a small-scale farmer due to its cost reduction techniques which utilizes locally available resources, reducing the need for purchased inputs, and implementing efficient practices.

Mushi said that unlike other types of farming, agroecology lowers production costs and increases profitability to small-scale farmers, urging fellow farmers to take it seriously as it can feed the nation and the world at large.

"For small-scale farmers, this type of farming is beneficial as it does not require high costs in its farming stages, from preparing the land, planting and even fertilizing. This is because we make our own fertilizers and pesticides that surround us in our environment," she explained, mentioning manure from different animals like cows as among materials that small-scale farmers can easily obtain and use to make planting and growing bio-fertilizers, as well as pesticides for various crops, as

"We have been trained on how agroecology can help to improve soil

health by using techniques such as crop rotation, cover cropping, and organic composting. These practices improve soil fertility, reduce erosion, and enhance water retention, leading to healthier crops and higher yields," said Joyce Shoo, another beneficiary of the training.

She added that they have also learned that agroecology helps in managing pests and diseases through integrated pest management (IPM), biological controls, and the use of natural pesticides, which she was also taught to make using leaves and plants found around homes and farms such as neem, aloe vera, garlic, and pepper.

"This kind of training is of great help to us as the technology helps in reducing dependency on chemical pesticides, lowers production costs and minimizes environmental impact while effectively managing pests and diseases. I encourage my fellow farmers to embrace agroecology to promote productive farming systems, food security and nutrition," she added.

Angaifugheni Nkya said that agroecological training has helped her to address the challenges of climate change, as she has learned about conservation tillage, water management practices, and recalled the use of local crop varieties for different climatic conditions of which practices help farmers adapt to and mitigate the impacts of climate change, ensuring food security and stable incomes.

Victoria Ngowi is an agronomist in Kilanya village, she said through the training she learned well about community and knowledge sharing such as farmer-to-farmer training, participatory research, and local seed banks which can help small-scale farmers as well.

She said: "The knowledge I have acquired helps build strong community networks, foster knowledge exchange and empower farmers to innovate and solve problems collectively. I would like to urge farmers to practice this kind of farming to conserve the environment, maintain natural habitats, reduce chemical inputs and ensure sustainable resource manage-

ment. Agroecology helps protect local ecosystems, preserves biodiversity and ensures the long-term sustainability of farming practices, said Ngowi.

Deogratias Sang'are is an agronomist from Hai District who believes that agroecology is the solution to human health challenges.

"Nowadays, when people decide to go on dietary food, they choose to eat vegetables and fruits, but vegetables are not safe enough as a lot of chemicals are applied during its cultivation. There are some cases where farmers spray chemical pesticides in the morning and take vegetables to the market in the evening. Using vegetables that have been cultivated using natural pesticides is better because it has no harm to consumers," said Sang'are.

He mentioned that many people have become victims of diseases, causing hospitals to be flooded with non-communicable diseases only because of the chemicals they consume through food. However, agroecology is beneficial as it starts with soil conservation and uses harmless practices.

Sang'are said agroecology offers health and nutrition by growing a variety of nutrient-rich crops and incorporating agroecological principles into home gardens which help to improve the nutritional quality of food, enhances food security, and promotes better health for farming communities.

"By integrating these agroecological practices, small-scale farmers can create more sustainable, productive, and resilient farming systems, ultimately improving their livelihoods and contributing to environmental sustainability," said Sang'are.

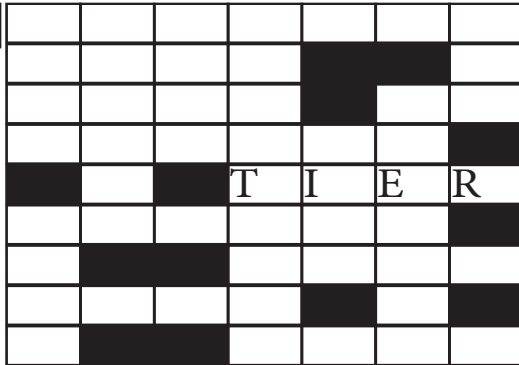
Malkiadi Wema, MVIWATA Coordinator in Manyara Region asserted that members agreed to practice agroecological agriculture to ensure food production is localized.

Malkiadi added that MVIWATA has embarked in a number of activities including farmer to farmer exchange missions, material support to equip agroecological production and marketing including supporting small and micro-irrigation and bio-pesticides fabrication processes locally.

THE GUARDIAN CROSSWORDS/WORD FIT - 126

1 Across:
1 used for seasoning or preserving food
6 a plant of a large genus including the heaths
7 sticky flammable organic substance exuded by some trees
8 a very large expanse of sea
10 a brief written records of fact
11 petty criminal
13 gradually be worn away
14 Capital city of Russia

Down:
1 a person whom one does not know
2 landlocked kingdom encircled by South Africa
3 very quickly
4 English word for Sinus
5 mental suffering
9 a large tailless primate
11 Natural Environment Research Council in UK
12 lateen-rigged ship in Arabian



In this Puzzle you have no clues, only a list of words that all fit into the grid. The Guardian have given you a head start.

- TOT, LIEU
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- PAST
- ALAS
- BIBI
- BEAR CAT
- IDDLE
- DADA
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- PROTEA
- TIER
- ITSELF
- BIAS
- EDITOR
- RESETTLED

Yesterday's solution

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Banking sub-sector prone to uncompetitive conduct, report says

By Guardian Reporter

With only five banks account for 65 percent of the market share, the new Bank of Tanzania (BoT) report has revealed that the situation may put the banking sub-sector prone to uncompetitive conduct.

The Herfindahl-Hirschman Index (HHI), a common measure of market concentration that is used to determine market competitiveness for Tanzanian banking sub-sector in 2023 was around 1,386, which indicates that the market is low concentrated (highly competitive).

Generally, a market with an HHI of less than 1,500 is considered a competitive, an HHI of 1,500 to 2,500 is moderately concentrated, and an HHI of 2,500 or greater is highly concentrated.

"The dominance of a few banks indicates that the banking sub-sector is prone to uncompetitive conduct," says Financial Stability Report for 2023.

The report therefore said that the Fair Competition

Commission (FCC) will continue to closely monitor the banking sector to ensure effective market competition.

Further to that, the central bank report indicates that the interest rates remain competitive, as the banks continue to establish and publish the rates independently.

"The banking sub-sector maintained robustness and stability, supported by sufficient capital, liquidity, and minimised credit risk," the report says.

Total banking assets amounted 54,263.0bn/- in 2023, mainly driven by increased deposits, due to continuous public confidence in the banking sector and recovery of economic activities coupled with enlarged outreach through fintech and agent banking.

Commercial banks continued to dominate the market in total assets, accounting for 97.6 percent.

Deposits, profitability, and retained earnings are expected to increase as business and economic conditions improve, the report says.

However, the sector's funding costs could potentially come under pressure due to an additional spike in wholesale funding.

The banking sub-sector has however, maintained sufficient



capital and liquidity to support lending.

Core and total capital adequacy ratios were 17.7 percent and 18.4 percent in 2023, compared with 18.1 percent and 18.9 percent in 2022, respectively.

These were above the minimum regulatory threshold of 10.0 percent and 12.0 percent, respectively.

The capital position supported the growth of credit to private sector as reflected by increased loans and advances.

The report explains that the banking sub-sector exhibited enhanced performance in comparison to the previous period, as

evidenced by absence of undercapitalized banks.

The implementation of Basel II and III is expected to enhance the resilience of the sector.

The report shows banking sector deposits were dominated by the top six banks that form part of systemically important banks, partly attributed to their wider branch network and use of agent banking and digital financial services.

The six banks accounted for more than 65.2 percent of the total deposits, which calls for close monitoring to identify and mitigate any possible systemic risks.

Banks' lending to private sector

grew by 17.2 percent in 2023, which was above the projected rate of 16.4 percent.

The improved financial conditions of the banking sector were reinforced by the growth of profitability, capital adequacy, and enhanced creditworthiness of the borrowers as the economic conditions continue to improve.

NPLs declined to 4.3 percent from 5.8 percent in 2022, partly attributable to enhancement of credit underwriting standards, continued business recovery, intensified loan recovery efforts, settlement of arrears, and increased utilisation of credit reference systems.

It is worth noting that the level of watch loan category remained relatively unchanged, indicating that watch loans have not deteriorated.

The loan-to-deposit ratio further increased to 92.7 from 89.3 percent recorded in 2022, reflecting an increase in bank appetite to provide credit to the private sector.

However, the increase in the loan-to-deposit ratio may increase liquidity pressure on the banks in the event of rising defaults.

The loan portfolio continued to be dominated by personal loans (37.2 percent), followed by trade (13.6 percent) and agriculture activities (10.2 percent).

The dominance of personal loans is partly attributed to measures by

financial institutions to ease credit conditions, including interest rates, collateral requirements, and maturity, as evidenced by the Lending of officers' opinion survey conducted in 2023.

The funding gap (the usage of customers' deposits and retained earnings in funding-earning assets) decreased in 2023.

The decrease was partly contributed by the increase in customer deposits and retained earnings compared to the preceding year.

However, the growth of lending and other assets imposed some pressure on banks to fund the growth of earning assets through wholesale funding. Financial Stability Report - December 2023.

The share of foreign-denominated loans to total loans dropped to 26.3 percent in 2023 compared to 31.7 percent in 2022, partly explained by tightened lending conditions in foreign currency following differentials between the interest rates paid on domestic and foreign currency loans, inflationary pressure, and increased cost of imported goods as observed during Non-Financial Corporate Sector Survey, 2023.

The central bank says will continue to monitor and enforce compliance with regulatory requirements by banks to minimise exposure to foreign exchange rate risks.



Tanzania's helium discoveries setting to end global demand

By Henry Mwangonde

THE global demand for Helium may soon come to an end, following new discoveries of the noble gas by Helium One at its Rukwa project.

Speaking in an interview last week, Lorna Blaise, Helium one's Chief Executive Officer said the Rukwa project the Unrisked Prospective Recoverable Helium Resource at its primary helium project in Rukwa stands at 138 billion cubic feet (Bcf), making it the largest known primary helium deposit in the world.

The company holds 2,840km² of prospecting licenses in three Rukwa, Balangida and Eyasi projects of which its first phase exploration program started in 2021 and the Rukwa project was considered to have been significantly de-risked.

"The high global demand is highly attributed to various factors including geopolitical factors that hinder big producers from reaching the demand, thus the country's helium presence signals a promise," said

The company said global demand for helium gas is estimated to be around six billion cubic feet (Bcf) per annum. It is also expected to increase to 8.5Bcf by 2030.

Helium gas is among the essen-

tial gases used in various high-tech and industrial applications where the largest demand is in the electronics industry since they are used in fiber optics and the manufacture of semiconductors.

To date, the gas is produced primarily in just four countries including in the United States of America (USA), Qatar, Algeria and Russia, whereby limited number of suppliers result into an increase in demand and its price worldwide.

Equally, the market price for helium currently is around \$500 (1.34m/-) per 1,000 cubic feet (MCF).

Speaking about the gas usefulness, Blaise said helium is essential for multiple uses including on medicine manufacturing, space explorations, balloons, high-tech manufacturing of televisions, computers, tablets, phone and fibre optic cables.

"Helium is highly demanded in the manufacturing industries especially for electronics for semiconductors and also the gas is also used in medical diagnosis through MRI scanners," she added.

Despite the company's initiatives of unveiling the country's unique gas, the company is faced by numerous challenges during the exploration processes.

Blaise mentioned the infrastructure and logistics as among other challenges as the two lead to more time consuming.

Helium one is listed on the Alternative Investment Market (AIM) of the London Stock Exchange (LSE) with the ticker of HE1 and on the middle tier of the three marketplaces for trading over-the-counter (OTCQB) in the United States.

Helium is considered a critical raw material by the USA, EU, Canada, and other jurisdictions, yet it has been overlooked in the resource sustainability literature, especially compared to metals and other extracted resources.

The US Department of the Interior estimated that global helium consumption will reach 8 billion cubic feet by 2025.

The global helium market is projected to reach US\$18.18 billion by 2025, according to Avanti Energy, which is a gas exploration company specialising in the extraction of helium across western Canada and the United States.

The benefits of helium extend across multiple industries due primarily to its lucrative properties, which greatly enhance the functionalities of technologies like fibre optic cables, MRI machines, and data centres.

Demand for Islamic derivatives on the rise, says Fitch

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Demand for Islamic derivatives, financial instruments that comply with Islamic law, is on the rise in Muslim-majority countries, according to Fitch Ratings. This trend coincides with the growing strength of Islamic banks and the increasing need to manage risk in developing financial sectors.

The report highlights the growing adoption of Islamic derivatives by Islamic banks. Nearly three-quarters of Fitch-rated institutions used these tools in the first half of 2024, a sign of their potential to bolster creditworthiness.

However, challenges remain. Sharia restrictions can be complex and interpreted differently, hindering standardisation and broader adoption. Additionally, underdeveloped financial infrastructure, particularly in OTC (over-the-counter) markets, limits the availability and liquidity of Islamic derivatives compared to their conventional counterparts.

Data from the Bank for International Settlements underscores this point. In April 2022, the combined OTC Islamic derivatives turnover in key Muslim markets like Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and Malaysia amounted to less than 1 per cent of global volumes. While exchange-traded options are emerging, they remain in their early stages in most (GCC) countries.

Despite these limitations, Islamic derivatives offer a range of risk-management benefits for Islamic banks. Instruments like profit-rate swaps and forward-exchange contracts can help mitigate exposure to interest-rate fluctuations, foreign exchange movements, and other market risks.

Fitch views moderate and well-managed use of Islamic derivatives positively when assessing an Islamic bank's creditworthiness.

Conversely, a lack of hedging or excessive exposure to structural market risks, such as unhedged long-term fixed-rate assets, can negatively impact a bank's profile. It's important to note that while derivatives can be valuable tools, they also introduce new risks, including counterparty credit risk, liquidity risk, and operational challenges.

Regulatory efforts are underway to nurture the Islamic derivatives

market. The UAE central bank, for instance, has encouraged Islamic banks to adopt hedging techniques, including these Sharia-compliant instruments.

Similarly, Saudi Arabia has launched a conventional derivatives market and introduced Sharia-compliant products. Additionally, the Saudi Central Bank is considering close-out netting legislation, a move that could further enhance market efficiency.

The rise of Islamic derivatives reflects the growing importance of risk management for Islamic banks in a maturing financial landscape.

As the market overcomes challenges related to standardization and infrastructure, these instruments have the potential to become a cornerstone of Islamic banking's continued development.

Despite their importance in financial sector development, derivatives are few and far between in countries where the compatibility of capital market transactions with Islamic law requires the development of Shariah-compliant structures.

Islamic finance is governed by the Shariah, which bans speculation, but stipulates that income must be derived as profits from shared business risk rather than interest or guaranteed return.

Based on the current use of accepted risk transfer mechanisms in Islamic finance, this article explores the validity of derivatives in accordance with fundamental legal principles of the Shariah and summarises the key objections of Shariah scholars that challenge the permissibility of derivatives under Islamic law. In conclusion, the article delivers suggestions for Shariah compliance of derivatives.

'Explicit' derivatives

Amid weak reliance on capital market financing in many Islamic countries, risk transfer mechanisms are subject to several critical legal hindrances that impact on the

way derivatives, redress perceived market imperfections and financing constraints.

While implicit derivatives in the form of forward contracts are essential to the put-call parity replication of interest through profit generation from temporary asset transfer or profit-sharing in Islamic finance, and thus are not deemed objectionable on religious grounds, the explicit use of derivatives remains highly controversial.

However, the implicit forward element of Islamic lending contracts - like forwards in conventional finance - involves problems of double coincidence and counterparty risk due to privately negotiated customisation.

Parties to forward agreements need to have exactly opposite hedging interests, which inter alia coincide in timing of protection sought against adverse price movements and the quantity of asset delivery.

Moreover, forward contracts elevate the risk of one counterparty defaulting when the spot price of the underlying asset falls below the forward price prior to maturity, rendering the contract out-of-the-money and making deliberate default more attractive.

Although the non-defaulting party does have legal recourse, the process of seeking contractual enforcement can be lengthy, cumbersome and expensive, especially in areas of conflicting legal governance as a matter of form (commercial law versus Islamic law).

These obvious shortcomings of forwards create the economic rationale for futures, which are exchange-traded, standardised forward contracts in terms of size, maturity and quality, and thus do away with the constraint of double coincidence in forward contracts. However, generic future contracts appear to contravene Shariah principles in the way they limit counterparty risk.



HOW BANKS CAN MANAGE THEIR LIQUIDITY CHALLENGES

By Kelvin Mkwawa

In the past few years, banks have gotten comfortable because of abundant and cheap liquidity (i.e., deposits) mainly from government institutions.

Now, things have changed. Banks are facing liquidity risk management challenges. Competition for deposits is heating up with new players such as UTT AMIS (i.e., Unit Trust of Tanzania) aggressively marketing their products to the public leaving some banks feeling a liquidity squeeze.

Another reason banks are facing liquidity challenges is the tougher economic condition that customers are in; It's impossible to get away from the ongoing economic and cost-of-living hardship, and many people are suffering from the tangible impacts these are having. Customers are dealing with high costs of living because of increases in food, fuel, and public transportation costs, which

have forced them to decrease their savings in order to meet basic needs.

Before exploring how to overcome the challenges and discuss how to improve liquidity, let me explain what liquidity management is and how it impacts the way banks and other financial institutions operate. To put it simply, liquidity management is a bank's ability to fund assets and meet financial obligations without incurring unacceptable financial costs. In case a bank is facing a liquidity issue, it can take several proven steps to address the liquidity shortage; for instance, through deposit pricing, and active portfolio rotation. However, these can be expensive or complicated to implement and may hurt the bank's business by diverting resources and forcing changes in daily operations. Hence a bank must ensure sufficient funds are available to meet demands from both depositors and borrowers.

Things change quickly in the banking industry so if you don't stay on top of your liquidity position, it can put your bank in a tough spot. In today's article, I will discuss several ways that banks can manage/mitigate their liquidity risk, and these include:

Frequent Liquidity Monitoring

The first step to overcoming/mitigating any challenge is gaining visibility of what's at hand, so banks need a real-time aggregate view of their assets and obligations at all times. Most banks struggle with establishing a real-time view of their liquidity positions because they do not have a liquidity policy in place. A liquidity policy should specify the frequency of liquidity reporting to all stakeholders within the bank. The frequency can be daily or weekly, instead of monthly during the Assets and Liabilities Committee meeting. By having a real-time



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granular view of the assets and liabilities, and frequency of liquidity reports, a bank can be able to assess its liquidity position in the context of its business objectives over the next day, week, and

month. The bank can take one step further to ensure an unbiased review of the real-time view and monitoring report of its liquidity position, by having an independent party review and evaluate its

liquidity position.

Know Your Funding Costs and its Risks

A Bank can mitigate its liquidity risk by understanding how it funds its balance sheet. Typically, banks fund their balance sheet with a mix of core deposits, noncore deposits, and equities. By studying the liabilities on its balance sheet, a bank should be able to understand its concentration risks such as depositors with large deposits, concentration to certain sectors of the economy, and concentrations of non-insured deposits. In addition, a study of the historic deposit behaviors of its customers, with the help of the knowledge of its concentration risks, will enable the bank to estimate the expected maturities of its deposits or expected large deposits (i.e., liquidity). By understanding these risks and behaviors of the depositors, the bank can have a better and cost-effective funding plan and hence manage its

liquidity position effectively.

In summary, competition for deposits is heating up with new players marketing their products to the public leaving some banks feeling a liquidity squeeze. This new trend is forcing banks to rethink their short and long-term plans for liquidity. In addition, with consumers' financial literacy levels rising every day, especially with regard to available financial products, banks need to adjust their strategy on liquidity to ensure they meet the regulatory and internal approval levels. Banks can employ various methods to manage liquidity effectively and we have seen two methods in this article: frequent liquidity monitoring and knowing funding costs and risks.

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The power of the private sector: Boosting climate resilience

By Udaibir Das

Climate finance has been a global priority for decades, with significant milestones such as the Green Climate Fund being established under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in 2010. Between 2021 and 2023, private sector investments in climate resilience escalated and institutions like multilateral development banks and the Green Climate Fund have been central to this growth.

The Resilience and Sustainability Trust, launched by the International Monetary Fund in April 2022, was set up as an international initiative for channelling climate finance to at risk nations. It aims to help low-income and vulnerable middle-income countries tackle long-term structural challenges, including climate change and pandemic preparedness. The RST's potential to attract private capital is a core element of its design. With IMF funds in play, private investors could be more willing to take risks and collaborate with these countries to meet their climate finance needs.

The RST offers longer-term financing with a significant grace period, making it an attractive option for private investors who seek reduced financial risks associated with long-term climate projects. The accompanying Upper Credit Tranche programme buttresses macroeconomic and financial stability, improving investor confidence. This potential for private sector involvement is a reason for optimism in climate finance.

Promising results with private sector engagement

The RST is beginning to show results in addressing long-term climate and sustainability challenges. Its full impact, particularly in leveraging private capital, will become more apparent as institutional mechanisms and blended financing structures are adopted, more projects come to the pipeline and innovative public-private risk-sharing instruments evolve.

Eighteen countries have started using RST funds to address their structural challenges, enhance resilience and support sustainable development initiatives. Some countries have explored options to crowd private investments through blended finance structures. These countries, including Barbados, Rwanda and Costa Rica, are inspiring examples of commitment to reform and building a healthy long-term investment climate.

Barbados secured B\$141.8m (around \$183m) in special drawing rights under the RST to enhance climate resilience and support sustainable development. The government partnered with private companies to expand renewable energy infrastructure and promote sustainable tourism practices. However, attracting significant private investments remains challenging due to procedural hurdles and the need for more substantial policy reforms.

Rwanda is using \$319m from the RST's Resilience and Sustainability Facility to improve resilience against external sector shocks. The government has collaborated with private agri-tech companies to intro-



duce climate-resilient farming techniques and technologies. While Rwanda's efforts are commendable, the challenge lies in scaling these initiatives to a national level and ensuring that private investments consistently align with long-term sustainability goals.

Costa Rica secured the maximum funding under the RST (\$710m) and has catalysed further climate financing from the official and private sectors. The private sector has launched green bonds and sustainability-linked loans supported by RST-backed government policies. Costa Rica's ambitious goals face potential hurdles, such as the need for robust monitoring and evaluation frameworks to ensure the effectiveness and accountability of private sector contributions.

Private sector cautiousness Despite the strides made by the RST, the private sector remains cautious about fully committing to providing substantial capital. Private investors seek vital assurances and improvements: policy stability and predictability, regulatory clarity and simplification, enhanced risk mitigation mechanisms, transparency and accountability and project scalability.

MDBs' involvement in providing guarantees, co-financing and other risk mitigation tools enhances investor confidence. MDBs provide the necessary assurances and risk mitigation tools that private investors seek,

encouraging their participation in the IMF's RST.

Private investors want to see structural and policy reforms supported by RST funding. However, no clear-cut assurances are possible at this stage. The IMF's 'Interim Review of The Resilience and Sustainability Trust and Review of Adequacy of Resources' has highlighted limitations and areas needing improvement. Some countries need help implementing policy reforms quickly enough to attract private capital. Bureaucratic hurdles and insufficient risk mitigation mechanisms remain significant obstacles. Additionally, the alignment between public and private sector goals is still evolving, requiring more robust frameworks for collaboration.

Efforts to boost climate resilience

To attract the private sector, IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva has emphasised the need for the RST to support countries in achieving their climate goals and align the IMF's operations with the 2015 Paris agreement. This alignment is crucial for mobilising private capital and driving sustainable investments.

In his speech at the European Investment Bank Group Forum 2023, Bo Li, the IMF's deputy managing director, underscored the role of RST in providing long-term affordable financing and the necessity of private

sector participation to meet the vast climate financing needs of developing countries. He highlighted the importance of policies that redirect investment flows towards climate-friendly opportunities and the need for stronger institutional partnerships.

The IMF's RST is a significant step forward in mobilising climate finance, focused on leveraging private sector involvement. It could become a multilateral initiative success story if it can help foster a stable investment climate through policy reforms, a deep and liquid market for innovative financing instruments and partnerships with multilateral development banks.

The early signs from Barbados, Rwanda, and Costa Rica suggest a robust partnership between the public and private sectors, crucial for sustainable and resilient development worldwide. By learning from the RST's successes and challenges, other international efforts can enhance their strategies to attract private capital, creating a more sustainable and resilient global economy.

Udaibir Das (pictured) is a former Assistant Director and Adviser of the Monetary and Capital Markets Department at the International Monetary Fund. He is a Non-Resident Fellow at the National Council of Applied Economic Research and a Senior Non-Resident Adviser at the Bank of England.

Bitcoin price drops amid concerns over market cycle peak

NEW YORK

Bitcoin's price has declined by 1.35 percent in the last 24 hours, now standing 16 percent below its all-time high of \$73,835, which it reached on March 14.

Over the past 30 days, Bitcoin has fallen by 9.2 percent. This downward trend in June has left market analysts speculating whether Bitcoin has reached its "cycle top."

Charles Edwards, founder of Capriole Investments, highlighted multiple on-chain metrics pointing to Bitcoin's inability to achieve new highs after two retests, which he interprets as a "sign of weakness." Edwards emphasized the significance of the Bitcoin long-term holder (LTH) inflation rate, which has been rising steadily over the past two years.

According to Glassnode, this metric measures the annualized accumulation or distribution rates of Bitcoin holders relative to daily issuance to miners.

At bull market peaks, market inflation typically exceeds the nominal 2.0 threshold, signaling a high likelihood of the cycle top. Currently, the LTH inflation rate stands at 1.9.

Another key metric, the Bitcoin Dormancy Flow, has also been on the rise over the past three months. This on-chain metric gauges the number of coins being spent relative to the overall trend.

Glassnode data reveals that the Bitcoin Dormancy Z-score has surged significantly in the last 90 days. Edwards noted that this metric peaked in April 2024, indicating that the average age of coins spent has increased. Historically, peaks in the Dormancy Z-score have preceded cycle tops by about three months.

Additionally, rising clusters and spikes in Spent Volume could signal a market top. Edwards pointed out that sudden growth in Bitcoin's 7-10 year Spent Volume has historically indicated the end of a cycle. He highlighted a dramatic increase in on-chain Bitcoin movement in 2024.

Edwards attributed part of this movement to the defunct crypto exchange Mt. Gox, which is preparing to repay its creditors over \$9 billion worth of Bitcoin.

Analyst says: "it might not seem like it, but Bitcoin (BTC -3.88percent) is right on track to hit a new all-time high in 2025. Even with the recent dip and its inability to mount any substantial momentum, the cryptocurrency is following a pattern resembling that of past years when it went on to hit new highs".

As for the path it takes between now and then, only time will tell, but with a little number crunching, it will be clear that 2025 is shaping up to be a great year for the world's original cryptocurrency.



CRDB Bank scoops quality service excellence award

By Guardian Correspondent, Brussels

CRDB Bank Plc has been honoured with this year's Quality Service Excellence Award by The European Society for Quality Research (ESQR) at the awards.

The award was given in recognition of the Bank's outstanding commitment to improve quality management across its services. This prestigious event recognizes the top organizations that have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to quality-orientated practices, including in the world of banking.

CRDB Bank has always striven for quality and believes in combining leading technology with personal interaction to deliver a seamless experience at every stage of the customer journey. By winning this award, the Bank has proved to be a reliable partner for its customers and stakeholders, supported by a professional team that is quick to respond to changing customer

needs, digital requirements and economic trends.

Commenting on this achievement, Yolanda, said, "Our keen focus on innovation and a personalized customer service has been vital to our distinctive success in the field of customer care and quality management. This award is testament to our team's hard work we are doing behind the scenes to provide a superior level of quality to our clients. Receiving this accolade reinforces our commitment to innovation so that we can deliver an exceptional experience to our customers time and time again."

She further noted that the award reflects CRDB Bank's strategic vision under its new medium-term strategy, 'Evolve,' which integrates various customer service initiatives aimed at enhancing overall service delivery and customer satisfaction. These initiatives have bolstered CRDB Bank's market position while deepening customer relationships and operational efficiencies.

Speaking on the award, CRDB Bank Group CEO, Abdulmajid Nsekela, said the recognition from



CRDB Bank Head of Customer Experience, Yolanda Uriyo (2nd R) receiving year's Quality Service Excellence Award from the Chief Executive Advisor of the European Society for Quality Research (ESQR) Michael Harris (2nd L). She was accompanied by the Representative from Tanzania Embassy in Brussels, Vivian Rutaihua (R), CRDB Bank's Head of Corporate Social Investment, Jadi Ngwale (C), and Mshindo Magimba, Senior Manager Service Quality Assurance (L). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

ESQR is a significant milestone that underscores the Bank's dedication

to quality and excellence in all its operations. "Our team's relentless pursuit of innovation and customer-centric approaches continues to set us apart in the banking industry. We remain committed to elevating our service standards and delivering unparalleled value to our customers and stakeholders," he added.

Innovative practices that contributed to this award include the implementation of digital customer feedback tools like QR codes and SMS short codes, offering customers convenient channels to provide feedback and enabling the bank to respond promptly to their needs. Furthermore, CRDB Bank conducts regular, proactive evaluations of staff service quality and product offerings, ensuring continuous improvement and consistently exceeding customer expectations.

Vivian Rutaihua, Representative of the Tanzania Embassy in Brussels, expressed gratitude, stating, "We are immensely proud to see CRDB Bank recognized on the international stage for

its exceptional service and commitment to quality. This award highlights Tanzania's growing influence in global banking excellence."

Michael Harris, ESQR's Chief Executive Advisor, congratulated CRDB Bank on its achievement, noting, "CRDB Bank's third win of the Quality Service Excellence Award is a testament to its unwavering commitment to excellence and innovation in banking services. We commend their dedication to setting benchmarks in quality management."

This is the third time CRDB Bank has been awarded by ESQR in their Best Leader Quality Awards. Since January 2024, CRDB Bank has won 26 major awards, including the Best Bank in Tanzania by the Global Finance Awards, Best Commercial Bank Tanzania by International Banker Awards, Most Innovative Customer-Centric Banking Brand - Tanzania by Global Brands Awards, and Most Innovative Bank in Tanzania by Gazette International Awards.

Tanzanians urged to capitalise DITF to grow businesses

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE government has advised Tanzanians to use the opportunity of the 48th International Trade Fair in Dar es Salaam to find partners to do business nationally and internationally.

The advice was given on Tuesday by the former Minister of Industry and Trade, Dr. Ashatu Kijaji, when visiting the exhibitors to see the preparations made ahead of the official opening by visiting Mozambique President, Filipe Nyusi.

Minister Kijaji was recently appointed by the President as the Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment).

She said that through the exhibition, Tanzanian businessmen will learn many things and share experiences with local and foreign participants.

Dr Kijaji was accompanied by the Deputy Permanent Secretary Ministry of Industry and Trade Ambassador John Simbachawene, the Director of the Department of Business Development of the Ministry, Sempheho Manongi and the Director of the Tanzania Business Development Authority (Tantrade), Latifa Mohamed.

In addition, Dr Kijaji said that the exhibition has become a role model because it has met international standards as the number of exhibitors from abroad has increased compared to years before.

She said that the exhibition provides various opportunities



Dr. Ashatu Kijaji, Minister of State in the Vice President Office (Union and Environment) (C), receives a gift from the Chief Executive Officer of the Business Registration and Licensing Agency BRELA, Geoffrey Nyaisa at the ongoing Dares Salaam International Trade Fair. Photo by Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

for Tanzanians to learn from local and foreign businessmen where 26 countries have participated in the exhibition which will show their various products.

"Many industries have participated in the exhibition, the goal is to exchange experiences, so Tanzanian businessmen should take advantage and use this important opportunity that does not come often," said Dr Kijaji.

Earlier on Monday, the Deputy Minister of Industry, Exaud Kigaga said that the exhibition is attended by 3,846 participants and is focused on advanced technology, creativity and the great use of Artificial intelligence.

He said that for this year they

expect to have a total of 3,846 Participants where 3,433 local participants, 3,286 local private sector companies, eight Ministries, four Regions, 30 Councils, 105 public institutions, 26 foreign countries, 413 foreign companies and 353,201 visitors.

He said the exhibition is expected to create 11,712 part-time jobs and that last year there were 3,500 participants of which there were 3,233 local participants, 267 foreign participants, 19 foreign countries, 300,701 visitors and 11,687 temporary jobs.

"So far we have 26 countries that have confirmed to participate in this exhibition, those countries include Korea, Turkey,

India, Japan, Singapore, Syria, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Mozambique, Indonesia, Mauritius, Oman, Egypt, Iran, Pakistan, Rwanda and Comoros.

He mentioned other participating countries as Zambia, Ethiopia, Congo DRC, Ghana, China, Russia, Italy, Uganda, Kenya and Zimbabwe where many are coming to show new technologies and various machines.

The deputy minister said there will be various special events such as the special days of the seven countries participating in the Exhibition, which are China, Japan, Korea, Iran, Egypt, Russia and India and there will be a program to celebrate our heritage.

Jambojet inaugurates Zanzibar-Mombasa flights

MOMBASA

Jambojet Limited has launched direct flight route between Zanzibar and Mombasa as part of a strategic investment in the aviation sector to bolster socio economic growth particular in tourism, trade, and culture aligning with East Africa Vision 2050.

The inaugural flight departed from Mombasa, Moi International Airport (MBA/HKMO) and arrived in Zanzibar Abeid Amani Karume International Airport (AAKIA), marked by a celebration attended by officials from the Embassy of Kenya to Tanzania, Government representatives of Tanzania & Kenya, and executives of Jambojet among others.

Starting immediately, Jambojet will operate flights on this route four times a week—Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and

Sunday.

"Jambojet is dedicated to delivering outstanding service at competitive rates. Our new route starts at 24,420 Kenyan shillings, (495,000 Tanzanian shillings) for a round trip. As a leader in low-cost aviation, we pride ourselves on our competitive fares and extensive network, enabling more people to travel across East Africa. This route reflects our goal of making air travel accessible to everyone," said Mr. Karanja, Ndegwa, Chief Executive Officer Jambojet.

Using De Havilland Dash 8 400 aircraft capable of carrying 78 to 82 passengers, Jambojet completes the Zanzibar-Mombasa journey in under an hour, facilitating convenient connections to Nairobi, Dubai, Frankfurt, Milan, and other destinations.

"On behalf of the Kenyan gov-

ernment, I am delighted to be part of today's launch of this new route operated by our airline, Jambojet, from Zanzibar to Mombasa. This step is crucial not only in facilitating quick and affordable air travel but also in strengthening commercial, tourist, and cultural ties between Tanzania and Kenya. By enhancing connectivity, we are fostering development along the East African coast," said Isaac Njenga, Kenya's Ambassador to Tanzania.

The Jambojet flight from Zanzibar to Mombasa is part of its marketing expansion strategy in the East African region.

"Our economy largely depends on tourism, which cannot grow without expanding key sectors like aviation. Jambojet's new route will significantly contribute to boosting tourism on the islands," said Mudrik Ramadhan Soragha, Zanzibar

Minister of Tourism and Heritage.

Mombasa is a key city for tourism in Kenya. "Jambojet is opening up many socio-economic opportunities for Zanzibar and Mombasa. We expect more tourists and traders to benefit from this affordable and fast direct flight," said Abdulswamad Shariff Nassir, Mombasa Governor.

Established in 2014 as a part of Kenya Airways (KQ), Jambojet has served over 7.5 million passengers, attracting 44 percent of first-time flyers and now holds more than 54 percent of domestic air travel market share in Kenya.

The airline also flies to Nairobi, Kisumu, Eldoret, Lamu, Malindi, Diani, and Goma in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

Chinese banks fleeing Moscow Exchange after sanctions by US

MOSCOW

Major players in trading in the Chinese yuan - Chinese banks continuing to work with Russia - are leaving the Moscow Exchange, which has been hit by US sanctions.

The newspaper reported that trading in the Chinese currency has seen a significant decline in the average transaction size over the past two weeks: compared to May, this figure fell by 14 percent to RUB 1.89 million (roughly US\$21,600), the lowest level since February 2023.

Meanwhile, the turnover of the over-the-counter (OTC) yuan market surged as deals worth RUB 1.98 trillion (roughly US\$22.6 billion) were concluded in June, up 27 percent from May.

At the same time, intraday turnover broke records three times, exceeding the RUB 200 billion (roughly US\$2.27 billion) a day mark.

This indicates that the yuan flows directed into Russia for oil sales to China are shifting from the exchange market to the OTC market. This follows the suspension of trading in US dollars and euros on 13 June.

Market participants from China - the main suppliers of yuan liquidity - are at risk of being hit by secondary US sanctions, as the Moscow Exchange has been included in the US Treasury's SDN (Specially Designated Nationals) list, which

bans any transactions, explains Mikhail Vasiliev, an analyst at Russia's Sovcombank.

Russia's Central Bank is already gearing up for a scenario in which yuan trading will have to be halted, just as it did with the dollar and euro.

A source close to the Central Bank told Bloomberg that Chinese banks will most likely gradually wind down operations with the Moscow Exchange and the National Clearing Centre, which has also been sanctioned.

In June, the US significantly expanded its sanctions list against Russia to include hundreds of new items, including the Moscow Exchange, which was forced to announce that it would cease trading in US dollars and euros on 13 June.

The impact of the sanctions resulted in a surge in the cash rate for purchasing US dollars and euros at many Moscow bank branches. As of 21:30 on 12 June, the maximum order values were RUB 120 per US dollar and RUB 125 per euro.

At one point, some banks' US dollar exchange rate reached RUB 200.

According to Russia's Central Bank data, the official exchange rate was RUB 89.02 for the dollar and RUB 95.7 for the euro.

On 13 June, shares on the Moscow Exchange opened down by up to 15 percent amid the introduction of US sanctions.

BANKING&FINANCE

Global investment banks cut jobs in China retreat

LONDON

Western financial institutions in China have cut their investment banking workforce by the most in years after a market slowdown hit profits and halted years of expansion in the country.

The cuts in 2023 came as five of the seven Chinese securities units that are part of Wall Street and European banks either made a loss or reported tumbling profits, according to recently released annual reports. The seven

units employed 1,781 people last year, a fall of 13 percent from 2022.

China's capital markets activity has slowed in a weaker economy dominated by a prolonged property slowdown and the fallout from rising geopolitical tension between Washington and Beijing.

"Western investment banks are caught in a vicious cycle," said Han Lin, China country director at consultancy The Asia Group. "Weak deal flow means less

investment in onshore capability, which limits further deal flow."

Some banks "are running out of patience when the opportunities in India, south-east Asia and the US are looking more promising", he said.

International financial groups have been able to take full control of their mainland securities houses since a wave of regulatory changes in 2020. The units represent a small part of the global profits at the banks, which declined to comment.

WORLD

Biden faces growing doubts from Democrats about his 2024

WASHINGTON

SOME elected Democrats loyal to President Joe Biden raised fresh questions on Tuesday about his 2024 re-election bid, with one calling for him to step aside, a shift after many defended him in the wake of last week's shaky debate performance.

Whether Biden continues his 2024 bid for president after his halting debate performance against Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump is largely his decision, Democrats and political strategists have said.

But Biden is under pressure. Some donors have called for him to step aside, and other Democrats are worrying openly that he is not equipped to beat Trump in November.

There are 25 Democratic members of the House of Representatives preparing to call for Biden to step aside if he seems shaky in com-

ing days, according to one House Democratic aide.

A second House Democratic aide said moderate House Democrats in competitive districts - often called "frontliners" - were getting hammered with questions in their districts this week.

A Reuters/Ipsos poll taken after the debate showed one in three Democrats think Biden should end his re-election bid.

US Representative Lloyd Doggett became the first congressional Democrat to call for Biden to withdraw from the presidential race on Tuesday. He told NBC News in an interview that he hoped other Democratic lawmakers would follow his lead.

"It looks like the dam has broken," the second aide said.

Former house speaker Nancy Pelosi emphasized Biden's multiple legislative accomplish-



ments during an interview with MSNBC Tuesday but said it was legitimate to ask whether his debate performance was a one-night thing or a broader health problem. She said Trump should be given the same scrutiny.

"I think it's a legitimate question to say, 'Is this an episode or is this a condition?' And so when people ask that question, it's legitimate, of both candidates," Pelosi said.

Immediately after the debate, Pelosi had shown strong support. "Joe Biden's decision to go forward is a decision that we will all embrace because of the record he has and the performance that will come with it," she said then.

White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said on Tuesday that Biden did not have an "episode", just a bad night.

Vice-President Kamala Harris, asked in a CBS News interview about Doggett's demand, said: "Look, Joe Biden is our nominee. We beat Trump once and we're gonna beat him. Period."

Biden, speaking at a campaign event in Virginia on Tuesday evening without a teleprompter, blamed

his performance on a lack of sleep and said his campaign had raised \$38 million since the debate.

"The fact is that you know, I wasn't very smart. I decided to travel around the world a couple times, going through around 100 time zones ... before ... the debate. Didn't listen to my staff and came back and nearly fell asleep on stage," he said. "That's no excuse but it is an explanation."

Some Democrats suggested Biden should be thinking about the broader party's future.

"He has to be honest with himself," Democratic Representative Mike Quigley, a moderate from Illinois, told CNN on Tuesday. "It's his decision. I just want him to appreciate at this time just how much it impacts, not just his race, but all the other races coming in November."

Agencies

Agencies given free hand to take strict action against corrupt, says PM Modi

NEW DELHI

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi yesterday said he had given a free hand to agencies to take stringent action against corruption and there will be no interference from the government.

Replying to the debate on the motion of thanks in Rajya Sabha, PM Modi (pictured) said that corruption is a termite that has hollowed out the nation and he is working wholeheartedly to free the country of the menace.

He said no corrupt will be able to escape the law.

"I would like to say without hesitation that I have given a free hand to agencies to take stringent action against corruption and the corrupt. Government will not interfere anywhere. They should work honestly for honesty...I would like to tell the citizens that no corrupt will be able to escape from the law. Ye Modi ki guarantee hai," PM Modi said.

"For me, the fight against corruption is not to be measured in terms of electoral wins or losses. I am not fighting corruption to win or lose elections. This is my mission, my conviction. I believe that corruption is one such termite that has hollowed out the nation. I am working wholeheartedly to free this country of corruption and to build hatred against corruption in the minds of common people," he added.

The Prime Minister, who faced interruptions during his speech with opposition members raising slogans, took potshots at Congress over first filing a complaint against AAP government in Delhi "over corruption" and later making charges against his BJP-led central government of misusing probe agencies.

"Congress has started running 'Bhrashtachari bachao andolan' now. When the corrupt are sent to jail they do hungama...It's being said that investigative agencies are being misused...Bhrashtachar kare 'AAP', sharabghotala kare 'AAP' aur 'AAP ki shikayat kare Congress, AAP ko court mein leke jaye Congress, ab karyawahi ho toh gaali de Modi ko...And now they are partners...Congress had presented facts against AAP in a press conference, now they must tell if those facts were correct or not," PM Modi said.

ANI

Russian diplomat blasts Kiev's reaction to Orban's peace initiative as smokescreen

MOSCOW

KIEV'S peace rhetoric is nothing but a facade as Ukraine keeps pursuing the goal of inflicting a strategic defeat on Russia set to it by the collective West, Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova told Sputnik Radio, commenting on how Ukraine responded to a ceasefire proposal put forward by Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban.

"All that peace rhetoric is just a smokescreen, smoke and mirrors, cliches or memes. Abstract words that must be learned by heart and voiced, while there is only one goal, which was declared by the collective West, namely to inflict a strategic defeat on Russia," the diplomat said.

After his talks in Kiev on Tuesday, Orban proposed that Ukraine consider a ceasefire as a step toward starting talks with Russia to settle the armed conflict at a press briefing. Ukrainian President Vladimir Zelensky however, did not even mention this initiative at the same briefing.

Deputy head of the Ukrainian presidential office Igor Zhovkva later said that Kiev had taken note of the Hungarian premier's ceasefire proposal but that it believed such initiatives cannot be considered in isolation from other settlement aspects.

Agencies



Xi to promote China-Kazakhstan community with shared future

ASTANA

CHINESE President Xi Jinping said here Wednesday that he is ready to work with Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev to jointly build a more substantive and dynamic China-Kazakhstan community with a shared future, and inject more positive energy to the development and stability of the region and beyond.

Xi made the remarks in his meeting with Tokayev at the presidential palace in Astana.

Noting he was delighted to visit beautiful Kazakhstan, Xi said that during this visit he personally felt the ever-growing momentum of the country.

He said he trusts that under President Tokayev's leadership, the people of Kazakhstan will succeed in building a strong and prosperous New Kazakhstan.

The friendly relations between China and Kazakhstan are rooted in the millennia-old ancient Silk Road, reinforced by 32 years of cooperation after the establishment of diplomatic relations, and have reached the high level of a permanent comprehensive strategic partnership, Xi said.

Relations between China and Kazakhstan are defined by lasting friendship, a high degree of mutual trust and sharing weal and woe, he noted.

Xi reiterated that no matter how the international situation changes, China will remain steadfast in its commitment to the China-Kazakhstan friendship, in its resolve to advance cooperation across the board, in its determination to continue mutual support on issues concerning each other's core interests, and in its confidence in both countries realizing their development goals.

Xi said that the Chinese side



Chinese President Xi Jinping arrives in Astana, Kazakhstan, on Tuesday, for the 24th Meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, and a state visit to Kazakhstan at the invitation of Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev. XINHUA

regards Kazakhstan as a priority in China's neighborhood diplomacy and an important partner for cooperation in Central Asia.

China's will and determination to maintain and grow

bilateral relations stand firm, and will not be changed due to any single incident or transformations in the international situation, Xi said.

China will always be a good neighbor and partner Kazakh-

stan can rely on and trust, he added.

The Chinese side, Xi also said, will continue to strengthen cooperation with Kazakhstan in traditional energy such as natural gas, expand

new energy cooperation including photovoltaic and wind power, encourage more Chinese enterprises to invest in Kazakhstan, and help Kazakhstan convert its resource advantages into development capabilities to achieve green, low-carbon and sustainable development.

Xi is on a state visit to Kazakhstan and will attend here the 24th Meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization.

Welcome ceremony

Also yesterday, Kazakh fighter jets painted the sky with colored smoke trails as Tokayev hosted a welcome ceremony for Xi.

A group of six jets, while flying over the presidential palace, left behind them colored smoke trails of red and yellow, colors of the Chinese national flag.



Kazakh fighter jets paint the sky with colored smoke trails as Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev hosts a welcome ceremony for visiting Chinese President Xi Jinping, in Astana, Kazakhstan yesterday. A group of six jets, while flying over the presidential palace, left behind them colored smoke trails of red and yellow, colors of the Chinese national flag. Xi is on a state visit to Kazakhstan and will attend here the 24th Meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO). Xinhua

To carry forward Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence, build new type of international relations

THIS year marks the 70th anniversary of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence. Over the past seven decades, these principles have been widely accepted and recognized by countries across the world, becoming an important norm governing contemporary international relations.

In the wake of the Second World War II, the struggle for national independence and liberation in Asia, Africa and Latin America surged. Newly independent countries longed for equality in international relations. Under such a historical background, the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence emerged.

Seven decades ago, Chinese Pre-

mier Zhou Enlai put forth in full the five principles for the first time -- mutual respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, mutual non-aggression, mutual non-interference in each other's internal affairs, equality and mutual benefit, and peaceful coexistence.

The enunciation of these principles was a groundbreaking and epoch-making achievement in the history of international relations and a significant contribution to the building of a new type of just and equitable international relations.

The core of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence is that there is sovereign equality among all countries and that no country should

monopolize international affairs. These principles conform to the international community's common expectation of building fairer and more equitable international political and economic orders, and offer a powerful intellectual tool for developing countries to uphold their sovereignty and independence.

Rejecting the law of the jungle by which the strong bullies the weak, they embody the notions of equality, peace, and mutual benefit, which are central to the new model of international relations.

They serve not only as guiding principles for the resolution of disputes between countries, but also as a guideline for normal development

of bilateral relations between countries whose disputes cannot immediately be resolved.

Amid international volatility, the international relation system is facing obviously increasing risks and challenges, which makes it more necessary for the international community to uphold and carry forward the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence.

Chinese President Xi Jinping remarked that in the new era today, the spirit of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence, instead of being outdated, remains as relevant as ever; its significance, rather than diminishing, remains as important as ever; and its role, rather than being

weakened, has continued to grow.

In the face of severe challenges, the international community should inherit and carry forward the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence, uphold sovereign equality, respect each other's core interests and major concerns, and respect the right of all countries to independently choose their social systems and development paths.

All countries should follow the vision of common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security, champion universally beneficial and inclusive economic globalization, promote trade and investment liberalization and facilitation, and jointly uphold an open world economy.

Over the past 70 years, China has been adhering to the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence in pursuing friendship and cooperation with other countries, making important contributions to promoting world peace and human progress.

Since the founding of New China, the country has pursued an independent foreign policy of peace and adhered to the path of peaceful development. Among the major countries, China has the best peace and security record.

China is committed to making as many friends as possible and building a global network of partnerships while upholding the principle of non-alignment. *People's Daily*



EAM S. Jaishankar meets Deputy PM and FM Murat Nurtleu of Kazakhstan, in Astana on Tuesday. ANI

EAM Jaishankar pays tribute to Mahatma Gandhi in Astana

ASTANA

EXTERNAL Affairs Minister S Jaishankar visited Pushkin Park in Astana yesterday, where he paid tribute to the statue of Mahatma Gandhi accompanied by members of the Indian community following his arrival to represent India at the SCO Summit on July 4.

Jaishankar shared the pictures on X, of him and the Indian delegations paying tribute to the statue of Mahatma Gandhi.

"Paid homage at the statue of Mahatma Gandhi in Pushkin Park in Astana today. Joined by members of the Indian community and friends of India," EAM wrote on X.

Earlier in the day, Jaishankar met Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Heads of State Council meeting.

Jaishankar, in his meeting with Lavrov, raised "strong concern about Indian nationals" currently in the war zone in Russia.

"Good to meet Russian FM Sergey Lavrov in Astana today. Wide-ranging conversation on our bilateral partnership and contemporary issues.

Noted the progress in many areas since our last meeting in December 2023," Jaishankar wrote in a post on X. "Raised our strong concern on Indian nationals who are currently in the war zone. Pressed for their safe and expeditious return," he underlined.

On Tuesday, Jaishankar arrived in Astana to represent India at the SCO Summit, which is being held under Kazakhstan's chairmanship.

The EAM was welcomed by Kazakhstan

Deputy Foreign Minister Alibek Bakayev at the airport.

"EAM @DrSJaishankar reached Astana to represent PM @narendramodi at the SCO Summit from July 3-4, 2024. On arrival, EAM was welcomed by Kazakhstan's Deputy Foreign Minister @AlibekBakayev," the Indian Embassy in Kazakhstan posted on X.

Jaishankar also met with Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Kazakhstan Murat Nurtleu in Astana on Tuesday and discussed expanding strategic partnership and India's increasing engagement with Central Asia.

Jaishankar thanked the deputy prime minister for the hospitality and arrangements for the SCO Council of Heads of State Summit.

The two ministers further exchanged views on regional and global issues.

"Delighted to meet DPM & FM Murat Nurtleu of Kazakhstan in Astana today. Thanked him for the hospitality and arrangements for the SCO Council of Heads of State Summit. Discussed our expanding Strategic Partnership and India's increasing engagement with Central Asia in various formats. Also exchanged views on regional and global issues," EAM Jaishankar said in a post on X.

Jaishankar is leading the Indian delegation at the summit. The SCO Summit will be held on July 3-4.

The 24th Meeting of the SCO Council of Heads of State (SCO Summit) will be held under the presidency of Kazakhstan on July 4.

ANI

Exploration success, capital investment, reserve growth to sustain Kibali's production profile

KINSHASA

BARRICK Gold Corporation- Africa's largest gold mine, Kibali, continues to deliver growth as its strong record of replenishing reserves and resources, and further investment in technology and capacity, position it to sustain its 750,000 ounces annual production past the current 10-year horizon to 15 years and beyond.

Speaking to media and other stakeholders yesterday in Kinshasa, DRC, Barrick president and chief executive Mark Bristow said Kibali was not only Africa's largest gold mine but also its most automated and, thanks to its three hydropower stations, a leader in renewable energy.

When its backup solar power plant and battery storage system are commissioned next year, the renewable component of its energy mix will increase to 85%.

"When we started building Kibali 14 years ago, this was one of the DRC's most underdeveloped regions. The value we created and the infrastructure we built here have since transformed it into a new economic frontier and a flourishing commercial hub, with a community that has grown from 30,000 to over 500,000 people. We've

promoted this growth through investment in community development and partnering with local businesses we have mentored. Our Azambi power station, for example, was built by an all-Indonesian team. Since 2010, Kibali's payments to local contractors and suppliers have amounted to almost \$2.7 billion," Bristow said.

"In addition, Kibali has written a new chapter in Barrick's long support for Africa's biodiversity by partnering with African Parks and the DRC Government to re-introduce a sustainable population of white rhino to the DRC's Garamba National Park, which the mine also supports in other ways. This means that, together with the Barrick coffee project in the Haut-Uele region aimed at revitalising the once vibrant Robusta coffee industry which Isiro was once renowned for, we are not only looking after our host countries in the present but also to their national heritage in the future."

Bristow said Kibali was built on partnerships with its stakeholders, notably the government and its host communities. Based on its success, Barrick was ready to invest in new gold and copper opportunities in the DRC, provided the government continued to build alongside it.

AGENCIES

How Samburu's female pioneers revive Kenya's degraded lands?

NAIROBI

A lone post at the edge of a road in Kenya's northwestern county of Samburu announces a partnership to provide water to the area. Both the words on the signboard and the stone water tank next to it go unnoticed by residents like Jovana Lengile, who walk past it daily in search of water.

Lengile, 35, is a mother of 10 children and a resident of Kalama Conservancy in the county. In this perpetually parched region, she spends a lot of time searching for water and pasture. "I have never known a life where water was easily available or where we did not have to walk far with our cattle looking for pasture.

Dams and other reservoirs work for a while until they run out of water," Lengile told Xinhua. In a collective act of determination, Lengile and other women in the conservancy are bringing life to the land by planting perennial grass and uprooting invasive plant species. These women, often disproportionately impacted by drought, hope their initiative will provide grazing pasture for their cattle and revitalize the land after years of degradation.

The Nature Conservancy, Northern Rangelands Trust (NRT), and the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) are supporting the initiative, which started in 2019 and aims to restore degraded land in Kenya's northern semi-arid regions. "After the grass has matured, we allow our cattle to feed on it, and we also sell the grass seeds to neighboring conservancies. This is how I earn a living," Lengile said.

Dorcas Lolngojine from NRT Samburu Conservancy said that Samburu was severely affected by the 2021-2023 drought cycle, the worst in 40 years.

"This land has become degraded due to human activities and natural forces such as climate change. It is important for the community to lead the effort in restoring it, as they are the ones who feel the effects most," Lolngojine said. "We are using a semi-circular ban method to plant the grass. This way, we will preserve water and prevent soil erosion."

The women earn about 3,000 Kenyan shillings (about 23.3 U.S. dollars) for a 90-kilogram bag of grass. During their last-season harvest, Kalama Conservancy produced 150 bags of grass seeds, according to Lolngojine.

To ensure the grass grows to maturity, youth from the nomadic Maasai community have been enlisted to prevent livestock from feeding on the young grass and to prescribe grazing guidelines.

One such youth, locally known as Moran, is Mathew Lemakin. He said that thanks to the



Maasai women harvest grass seeds in Samburu County, Kenya, June 17, 2024. Maasai women in Samburu County, Kenya, grow grass to feed their livestock and sell its seeds to a neighboring conservancy as part of community-led efforts to restore degraded land. Xinhua

women's efforts, they no longer have to venture far looking for animal feed. "Women are doing a good job, and through their efforts, our land has improved. Now when you walk around, you can see vegetation," Lemakin said.

The participation of Maasai youth in the initiative ensures a grazing plan is in place so that the community can utilize available resources efficiently.

At least 91 percent of Kenyan territory is experiencing some form of land degradation, with about 64 percent experiencing high degradation and 27 percent severe degradation, according to Soipan Tuyu, cabinet secretary in the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry.

Tuyu made these revelations as she led the country in marking World Desertification and Drought Day recently. She also said that globally, up to 40 percent of the planet's land is degraded, directly affecting half of humanity and threatening roughly half of the global gross domestic product.

In Laikipia North, another dry region in northwestern Kenya, Jane Kipish diligently cares for cochineal insects inside a greenhouse.

The bugs play a crucial role in controlling the invasive plant opuntia, which has aggressively spread across large tracts of land. "When the animals feed on opuntia, they develop sores in their gut, refuse to feed, and eventually die. We cannot even get enough milk because it makes our animals unproductive," Kipish said.

Kipish and her fellow women are now cutting down the opuntia plant, which is not edible, and rearing cochineal insects that feed on the plant, killing it. The spread of invasive plants is a sign of land degradation.

The women rear the cochineal bugs in a greenhouse for three weeks until they mature, after which they transfer the bugs to the opuntia plant.

Mamo Boru Mamo, director general of the NEMA, said the state will support community-led interventions to ensure they are replicated across other semi-arid regions and degraded lands.

Peter Kilua, the manager of Naibunga Community Conservancy in northern Kenya, said the efforts are bearing fruit. "Around 20 percent of the 70 percent opuntia that had colonized the land acreage has been eliminated, despite the process being slow."

Schools across China embrace digitalisation, build smart campuses

AS a strategy on the digitalization of education is being promoted nationwide in China, information technologies are being applied in a more integrated and innovative manner at schools across the country.

Schools at all levels are actively exploring the construction of smart campuses and creating new forms of education to better promote the well-rounded development of students with digital technologies.

Today, in classrooms, quality teaching resources can be downloaded from the internet and shown on electronic screens; on playgrounds, smart sports equipment are making the break time more enjoyable. Besides, various school data and information can be accessed on smart phones.

In a primary school in Dongcheng district, Beijing, fifth-grade students were having a class on the fine traditional Chinese culture. On an interactive screen in the classroom, the Houmuwu ding, a rectangular bronze sacrificial vessel of the ancient Chinese Shang Dynasty (1600 BC-1046 BC) was displayed.

As student Xing Chenyang gently slid his finger on the screen, the Houmuwu ding rotated accordingly.

"It's 360-degree display," Xing said, adding that it is difficult to see the complete Houmuwu ding even at the museum. "Now we can zoom in and explore every detail in high definition on the screen."

"By utilizing multiple technologies such as augmented reality, virtual reality, and cloud-based digital computing, we have digitized the resources of the fine traditional Chinese culture and placed them under virtual museum scenes, creating an immersive, interactive, and experiential classroom," said Guo Zhibin,



Students have a nature class wearing virtual reality headsets at a primary school in Haigang district, Qinhuangdao, north China's Hebei province.

vice principal of Shijia Primary School.

According to him, the new teaching environment allows students to not only browse and listen but also develop their abilities to observe, think, solve problems, and express their opinions.

Intelligent devices have significantly improved teaching quality in vocational education, where practical skills are emphasized.

At a national demonstration base of virtual simulation training for vocational education in Nanchang, east China's Jiangxi province, there are various equipment such as a simulated airport control towers, airplane models, and engine models.

"By wearing training glasses and holding an operation pen, students can see the internal structures of machineries and even disassemble and assemble them. It feels very real and intuitive," said an executive of the development and operation department of the base.

Virtual simulation training breaks spatial limitations and allows students to improve their skills through low-cost and repetitive training, the executive explained.

The construction of smart campuses relies heavily on the continuous improvement of infrastructure. In China, the basic infrastructure for smart education has been established.

"Leveraging technologies such as gigabit optical networks and 5G, we enable widespread connectivity among teachers, students, devices, and educational resources," said Zang Lei, deputy chief engineer at the institute of technology and standard research of the China Academy of Information and Communications Technology.

"Smart campuses provide new teaching methods such as online learning, holographic classrooms, and virtual simulation experiments and training. These methods integrate high-quality courses and situational thematic resources into daily teaching, providing students with authentic and engaging learning environments, thus establishing a learning model that goes beyond physical classrooms and campus boundaries," Zang explained.

A primary school in Hangzhou, east China's Zhejiang province has installed an intelligent sports system. The sys-

tem, capturing the motions of the students practicing standing long jump with six high-resolution, high-frame-rate cameras, can provide feedbacks to help them improve.

"The intelligent sports system not only automatically collects and analyzes motion data but also generates reports based on students' performance. With these reports, teachers now have a scientific support for their classes, making their teaching and evaluation more accurate," said Li Qingli, deputy director of the educational information resource center at the Education College in Shangcheng District, Hangzhou.

Data is a crucial element in the construction of smart campuses. Effective data analysis and application help understand students' conditions and enable personalized services, thus identifying teaching issues and facilitating science-based decision-making.

Intelligent digital technologies are also applied in smart services and management of schools. Zang said, "By upgrading campus management service platforms and establishing an interconnected comprehensive information system, we can provide fast and high-quality services to students and faculty while enhancing schools' management and decision-making capabilities."

People's Daily

Patrick Aussems now reveals why he chose Singida Black Stars

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

PATRICK Aussems has opened up on his decision to join Singida Black Stars as head coach ahead of the 2024/25 campaign.

The former Simba boss was officially unveiled to the Tanzanian press on Tuesday having arrived in the country the previous day.

The Belgian (pictured) has signed what is understood to be a two-year deal with the Singida-based club. He spoke after signing the contract.

"I am very happy to be here. Honestly, I see some faces that I have already seen a few years ago. So am I happy to see you again, that's a good thing. You know that communication in football is very important.

"I am back in Tanzania in a different club, an ambitious club and that is the most important. I wanted to tell you that since I left I have been in South Africa and Kenya. "When I

left Kenya last year, I decided to take a sabbatical for one year because sometimes you have priorities in life.

"I had some offers but I was not interested. When the boss called me, and I was already in touch with him for two years, he kept calling me and insisting. To be honest I was seduced by the project of the club.

"That's why I am now here for Singida Black Stars because the boss is ambitious. I am ambitious, the staff are ambitious. We want Singida Black Stars to be a key club in the country.

"For example, in Europe when you are talking about Tanzania, people talk about Simba. Sometimes a little bit about Yanga as well. I would like in the next few years people would say in Tanzania there is Simba, Yanga and Singida Black Stars. That's the target. It is a very interesting project that's why I am here," he said.



Mandongga, Maugo to face each other again on July 28

By Faustine Feliciane

BOXERS Karim Mandonga and Mada Maugo are expected to face each other again on July 28 in a special fight that will be held in Geita region.

The fight aims to collect funds that will be included in the Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF) to help pay for health insurance for poor families in the regions of Dodoma, Mbeya, Pwani and Geita.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam yesterday, the director of the Lady in Red Promotion, who are the organizers of the fight, Sophia Mwakaganda, who is also a Member of Parliament for Special Seats in Mbeya Region, said their goal is to help other Tanzanians who fail to get health insurance.

"There will also be other charity fights which will involve some of the Members of Parliament and other big boxers," said Sophia.

In addition, she said that other stakeholders should follow their example of coming forward to help the community, especially poor people by using their sectors.

"There are many Tanzanians who need help. People in other sectors should use their sectors to raise money to help the community in other areas," said Sophia.

She said apart from the fight between Mandonga and Maugo, there will also be other fights involving famous pugilists, including veteran boxer Japhert Kaseba, while the main card will involve Ibra Classic against another boxer who will be announced later.

Speaking about his fight, Mandonga urged residents of Lake Zone to come out in large numbers to witness 'the punch of mbeku' beating Maugo. "I am grateful to be given Maugo again. In our last fight in Morogoro he survived. Now I am going to finish him in Geita. He will not come out of the ring alive," said Mandonga.

On his part, Maugo asked residents of the Lake Zone, especially from Mara region, to come out in large numbers to see him give Mandonga a second consecutive defeat.

"Mandongga is just a talker. Now he is coming to our land and I am going to finish him off," said Maugo

AFCON 2027 Understanding 'Football Economy'

By Kilo Mgaya

IN Swahili culture, there is a saying: "Mgeni Njoo, Mwenyeji Apone," which reflects the anticipation and benefits of hosting guests. This adage resonates deeply as Tanzania prepares to co-host the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) in 2027 alongside Kenya and Uganda. The question now becomes: how can we strategically capitalize on this opportunity rather than merely wait for it to unfold?

The government has already initiated preparations, focusing on infrastructure such as stadium construction. However, the true potential lies in how individuals and businesses across the nation prepare to leverage this influx of visitors and attention. Large-scale tournaments like AFCON are not just about the ninety minutes on the field; they represent a transformative economic opportunity for the nation, particularly for entrepreneurs and small businesses.

AFCON 2027 promises a windfall of economic opportunities across various sectors. The influx of visitors, including football fans, media personnel, and officials from various countries, will undoubtedly create a surge in demand for accommodation. Hotels and guesthouses should anticipate full bookings and may even need to expand their facilities to cater to the increased demand. This is also an excellent opportunity for locals to venture into the bed-and-breakfast business, providing unique and personalized lodging experiences for visitors.

Food and beverage businesses also stand to gain immensely from the tournament. From high-end restaurants to street



food vendors (Mama Ntilie), the demand for diverse culinary experiences will be high. This is an excellent opportunity for local chefs and food entrepreneurs to introduce visitors to Tanzanian cuisine.

Establishments can create special menus featuring traditional dishes, offering a taste of our culture to the world. Local farmers and suppliers should also be prepared to meet this increased demand, ensuring a steady supply of fresh produce and ingredients.

Nightclubs and entertainment venues will also see a boom. As visitors look to explore local nightlife, there's a chance to showcase Tanzanian music, dance, and culture. This is a time for musicians, DJs, and performers to shine, offering a taste of Tanzania's vibrant entertainment scene. Cultural tourism can be further promoted through organized events and festivals, allowing visitors to immerse themselves in Tanzanian traditions, crafts, and heritage.

Additionally, this is a prime time to promote local attractions. Tour operators and travel agencies can develop tailored packages that showcase Tanzania's rich heritage, wildlife, and stunning landscapes. By doing so, they can ensure that visitors not only come for the football but also extend their stay to explore the beauty of our nation.

The preparation for AFCON 2027 should be comprehensive, inclusive, and strategic. It should not be left solely to the government or large corporations. Community engagement and grassroots participation are crucial. Public awareness programs to inform citizens about the potential benefits and ways to capitalize on them should be rolled out.

Local entrepreneurs should be trained and equipped with the necessary skills to take advantage of the surge in demand for goods and services, as well as the skills needed to meet international standards of hospitality and service excellence.

With the multifaceted ben-

efits of hosting this largest tournament in the continent, stakeholders across sectors need to align their efforts. The concept of the "Football Economy" should be clearly understood at all levels. Stakeholders must understand the roles they can play and opportunities to grasp.

The football economy encompasses not just the direct financial gains from ticket sales and broadcasting rights, but also the indirect benefits such as job creation, infrastructure development, and the promotion of local businesses. It's an economy that thrives on the synergy between sports and various industries, fostering growth and prosperity.

To maximize the socio-economic impact of the tournament, collaboration between government, private sector entities, and local communities is needed. It's about creating a harmonious ecosystem where everyone benefits, from the small-scale vendor selling souvenirs outside the stadium to the large hotel chains accommodating international guests.

As we welcome the world to our doorstep, let's ensure that every Tanzanian has a chance to benefit from AFCON 2027 in the spirit of 'Mgeni Njoo, Mwenyeji Apone.' Our neighboring countries are equally eager to maximize the potential benefits of this tournament. We all know how competitive they can be, so we must be well-prepared.

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Analysis: The easier path on the PGA Tour doesn't make it easy

BY DOUG FERGUSON

JORDAN Spieth returns to the John Deere Classic for the first time since he won a playoff in 2015. Just don't get the idea this is some kind of nostalgia tour.

He needs the points.

Spieth started the year guaranteed starts in all eight of the PGA Tour's signature events and finished third at Kapalua in the first one. But he has plunged all the way to No. 59 as he works through a wrist injury and at times has played practice rounds while on the phone for one of many meetings as a PGA Tour board member.

Time is running out. Five tournament weeks remain before the postseason, and while the top 70 advance to the FedEx Cup playoffs, the magic number is 50. That guarantees a spot in next year's signature events with their \$20 million purses and elevated points.

That's the easier path. It doesn't mean it's easy.

Spieth is among 15 players who started the year with the advantage of playing all the signature events and now are outside the top 50 heading into the home stretch. One of those was Tyrrell Hatton, who really took the easy path by joining Saudi-funded LIV Golf with its no-cut \$20 million events.

Rickie Fowler at No. 93 is in the lowest spot of those 14 players still on the PGA Tour. He is one year and one week removed from his Rocket Mortgage Classic victory. Since then, his best finish is 16th at the Tour Championship. In the signature events, his best is a tie for 18th in the RBC Heritage.

It's a reminder that in this era of massive change on the PGA



Jordan Spieth walks on the 12th fairway during the third round of the Travelers Championship golf tournament at TPC River Highlands, Saturday, June 22, 2024, in Cromwell, Conn. (AP Photo)

Tour – more money for fewer players – performance still matters.

There was so much hand-wringing about pandering to the stars last year that not enough attention was paid to Justin Thomas and Adam Schenk. One was a 15-time PGA Tour winner who had a stinker of a year and missed the playoffs. The other was a journeyman who cashed in at the right time and earned

his way to the Tour Championship.

Thomas did well enough for so long that he didn't fall far, and his world ranking in the top 30 got him into the signature events. He had top 12s in four of those events, along with a strong finish in The American Express and the PGA Championship, so he is No. 16 in the FedEx Cup.

Fowler is this year's version of Thomas, minus the world ranking, although it's not too early to speculate whether he will get some of the exemptions that went to Webb Simpson next year if he doesn't turn it around quickly.

This year's Schenk? Eight players outside the top 50 in the FedEx Cup last year have won tournaments, a list ranging from Taylor Pendrith to Stephan Jaeger. Two players currently inside the top 30 got there without winning – Christiaan Bezuidenhout and Thomas Detry.

Another example is former FedEx Cup champion Billy Horschel, who had no guarantee of signature events after a poor 2023 season. He won in the Dominican Republic. He had a pair of top 10s in regular PGA Tour events and a tie for eighth in the PGA Championship. Horschel got into one signature event based on his win, two others on an exemption. He took advantage only at the Memorial with a tie for 15th.

Horschel, 90th in the FedEx Cup a year ago, is at No. 46 and plans to play the final four tournaments on the schedule starting next week at the Scottish Open.

"These signature events are great for a multitude of reasons," Horschel said. "But if you don't play well, you're behind the

eight ball. And with the shorter season, we all knew it was going to be a sprint."

Those events can go a long way, though. Sungjae Im is an example of that. The South Korean has three top 5s this year, all of them in signature events. That's 60% of his points from three of the 18 tournaments he has played this year.

The system is not perfect.

Horschel was among those who realized immediately that winning a tournament – which should include the best perks – counts toward the "swing" list of 10 and five players who get into signature events, instead of a separate entry category. A few extra players in signature events isn't going to hurt. Some tweaks are expected for next year.

His greater concern is Korn Ferry Tour graduates – the new blood each season – having enough access. None is among the top 70 at the moment, and only five are in the top 100. The further down the list of their priority ranking, the fewer the starts.

And that's an indication that top-50 players aren't just cherry-picking the signature events. Masters champion Scottie Scheffler has played four regular PGA Tour events, while PGA champion Xander Schauffele has played three.

Fewer fully exempt cards might be one solution. The PGA Tour must strike a balance of providing playing opportunities with creating tournaments with the best fields while keeping a path open for the next generation.

This isn't a finished product. What hasn't changed is good golf can go a long way.



More changes to Kylian Mbappé face mask as France star's Euro 2024 problems persist

DUESSELDORF, Germany

KYLIAN Mbappé has had more masks than goals at the European Championship.

The France captain is struggling with his peripheral vision in the masks that were fitted to protect his broken nose from his country's opening game at Euro 2024.

He wore a third different mask on Monday in the 1-0 win against Belgium in the round of 16. The striker failed to hit the target in five attempts on goal against Belgium.

He has only one goal in the tournament. "You've got the sweat aspect and we know sweat can get in his eyes. He's getting used to it, but it can affect his vision," coach Didier Deschamps said. "Everything in front of him is fine, but there's a delay with his peripheral vision."

Mbappé broke his nose in an aerial collision with Austria's Kevin Danso, and has described the mask-wearing experience as "an absolute horror."

His only score so far was a penalty against Poland. "I saw people but I had the feeling it was not me that was playing," he said after that game.

Mbappé was initially fitted with a custom-made mask that was designed in the colors of the French flag. But UEFA rules state protective equipment has to be a single color, and he switched to an all black version against Poland.

He changed it again for the knockout game against Belgium with a version that appeared to be more custom-cut to the contours of his face. It also had more ventilation than his previous masks and was held on with one strap, rather than two.

But it didn't seem to make a lot of difference, with Mbappé's shooting often wide of the mark.

It could be a problem for Real Madrid if Mbappé still requires a mask at the start of next season after he completed a move to the Spanish giant last month.

Before that, Mbappé and France have a quarterfinal against Cristiano Ronaldo's Portugal on Friday.

It is the first time World Cup winner Mbappé has gone this far at a Euros after France lost in the last 16 in 2021 to Switzerland after a penalty shootout.

AP

Mert Gunok's wonder-save at Euro 2024 sparks Turkish celebrations, and praise from Austrian rivals

LEIPZIG, Germany

A MOMENT of Mert Gunok brilliance sparked celebrations for Turkish fans and a big exclamation from Austria rival Michael Gregoritsch, who described it as one of the best saves he'd ever seen.

Goalkeeper Gunok pulled off one of the saves of the European Championship deep into injury time on Tuesday to secure Turkey's place in the quarterfinals.

He leaped instinctively into a full-stretch dive to his right to palm away a close-range header from Austria's Christoph Baumgartner four minutes into stoppage time, preserving his team's 2-1 win and preventing the round-of-16 match from going into extra time.

"I think that's one of the best saves I've ever seen live on the field," Gregoritsch said. "You have to give credit to the Turkish goalkeeper because I think it was extremely difficult to stop. Unbelievable, really."

Austria coach Ralf Rangnick was asked if the goal reminded him of England goalkeeper Gordon Banks' famous stop to deny Pelé at the 1970 World Cup.

"True," he replied.

Later, Rangnick rued the save, saying he was sure that if the ball had gone in, Austria would have gone on to win the match.

"With Gordon Banks in goal, that was the last chance that we had," the German coach said.

It was Gunok's fourth big save of the game, including a one-on-one situation against Marko Arnautovic.

It meant Merih Demiral's two goals were enough to send Turkey through to a quarterfinal against the Netherlands in Berlin's Olympiastadion on Saturday.

AP

Much-improved Netherlands beats Romania 3-0 to reach first Euros quarterfinal in 16 years

MUNICH

THE Netherlands could be peaking at just the right time.

The Dutch team reached its first European Championship quarterfinal in 16 years with a 3-0 win over Romania on Tuesday after its best performance by far at Euro 2024.

Cody Gakpo broke the deadlock in the 20th minute and substitute Donyell Malen scored two late goals to send the Dutch to their first quarterfinal in the tournament since 2008.

"I think the whole performance today was outstanding and that's what we need to have a chance to continue in this tournament," coach Ronald Koeman said. "This is the level. If you go down in that level, then we don't reach the final."

The Netherlands had missed a plethora of earlier opportunities to add to the lead and also hit the woodwork. It was nevertheless a much-improved display compared to its disappointing group stage performance, which ended in a 3-2 loss to Austria.

Koeman's side could get a quick rematch in Berlin on Saturday if Austria beats Turkey in the final round of 16 match later Tuesday.

"Sometimes it's difficult to explain why you play bad,"



Donyell Malen of the Netherlands, left, reacts after scoring his side's second goal against Romania. AP Photo

Koeman said. "Even today, the start was difficult. They were really aggressive. But finally we found our ball position."

"What we created was good football ... Maybe one critical point was that it took too long to score the second one. ... It's difficult to explain why one time you play badly and the next time you are really sharp from the beginning."

It was nevertheless a match to remember for Romania and its loud mass of yellow-clad fans, who have lit up the tournament. It was only the second time Romania had qualified for the knockout stage at a European Championship and it did so as group winner.

The bouncing yellow wall at

one end of the stadium gave its team such a magnificent send-off – singing and applauding the players long after the final whistle – that it was almost as though Romania had won the game.

"Today we ended a great story, which we started two years ago. We continued that story here in Germany along with the fans of the national team," Romania coach Edward Iordnescu said. "The team gave a great effort, but there is some sadness."

"We wanted more, but we gave our all. Thank you to my lads, the supporters and Romanians everywhere in the world who supported us."

Romania had dominated

possession until Gakpo's goal, but never really tested Netherlands goalkeeper Bart Verbruggen. Instead the opener came when Xavi Simons surged forward before finding Gakpo on the left. The Liverpool forward cut inside the blue-haired Andrei Răduțiu and fired into the near bottom corner. It was Gakpo's third goal of the tournament, making him joint top scorer along with Germany's Jamal Musiala, Georges Mikautadze of Georgia and Ivan Schranz of Slovakia.

"We tried to surprise the Netherlands today and I think it worked well until the 20th minute," Iordnescu said.

The goal seemed to give the

Dutch confidence and they had several chances to extend their lead. A huge section of their orange-clad fans thought they scored again six minutes later when Stefan De Vrij was allowed a free header on a corner but he planted it just wide of the right post, rippling the sideneeting.

A combination of good goalkeeping from Florian Ni and wayward finishing from the Dutch kept Romania firmly in the match until seven minutes from time.

Van Dijk also saw a header come off the right post in the second half and Gakpo had a goal chalked off for offside, but turned provider when he managed to just keep the ball in play, under pressure from Radu Drăgușin, and prodded it back from the byline for Malen to poke home.

And the Dutch capped a dominant performance in stoppage time when Simons released Malen for a surging run from the halfway line before slotting past Ni.

Not only did Malen have to dodge the Romanian defense, which had rushed back to frantically try to close him down, but he also had to cut around a shoe on the field – presumably thrown by a Romanian fan behind the goal.

Ni had kicked away the other shoe from the same pair as Malen was bearing down on his goal.

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Demiral's double helps Turkey beat Austria 2-1, sets up a Euro 2024 quarterfinal against Netherlands

LEIPZIG, Germany

A FIRST-MINUTE goal and a stellar save in the final seconds helped send Turkey into the quarterfinals of Euro 2024.

Merih Demiral scored twice, including the opener after just 57 seconds, and goalkeeper Mert Gunok pulled off one of the saves of tournament deep into injury time as Turkey beat Austria 2-1 in the round of 16 on Tuesday.

"Our team spirit showed until the last minute," Turkey coach Vincenzo Montella said.

Gunok showed great reflexes and agility, diving to his right to palm away a close-range header from Christoph Baumgartner four minutes into added time.

That save set up a quarterfinal on Saturday against the Netherlands, a team Montella said "fight like lions."

"We will gather our mental and physical strength and keep following our path," he said.

Austria had 21 attempts compared with Turkey's six, regularly testing Gunok.

"I'm sure that if Baumi had scored to take the game to extra time, we would have gone on to win the match," Austria coach Ralf Rangnick said. "The only thing we could be accused of is that we didn't score enough goals from the chances we had, and that we didn't work well twice for set pieces."

The game got off to a ferocious start. Both teams had chances inside the first 30 seconds



Turkey's goalkeeper Mert Gunok saves the ball during their match against Austria. AP Photo

before Demiral scored when the Austrian defense failed to deal with a corner.

Baumgartner's attempted clearance rebounded back off teammate Stefan Posch to goalkeeper Patrick Pentz, who scooped it off the line only for Demiral to pounce on the rebound and score.

It was the second-fastest goal ever at the Euros – Albania scored after 23 seconds against Italy in the group stage.

Demiral's goal set off wild celebrations among the majority of fans in the stadium – and plenty outside it, too. Germany is home to some 3 million Turks or people with Turkish roots, making them the country's largest ethnic minority, and the team has been enjoying fevered support at Euro 2024.

Austria almost responded but Demiral somehow did enough to keep Baumgartner from scoring on the line.

The Austrians emerged with renewed vigor after the break, but a corner gave Turkey re-

spite. A shower of beer cups failed to put off Arda Güler as he delivered a perfect cross for Demiral to head in his second goal in the 59th.

Austria's corner-taker, Marcel Sabitzer, was also pelted with beer cups at the other end and at one point went down on the ground clutching his head to indicate he had been hit. But was quickly back on his feet.

Stefan Posch headed on Sabitzer's delivery for the unmarked Gregoritsch to volley home at

the back post.

Neither team could add any more despite a flurry of chances in the rain, with Gunok coming up with his biggest save in the final seconds.

Both teams were without regular captains. Turkey's Hakan Calhanoglu was suspended and Austria's David Alaba, arguably the country's best player, is still recovering from a knee injury that kept him from playing in the tournament.

AP

Brazil to celebrate national 'King Pelé Day' on Nov. 19 to pay tribute to soccer great

SAO PAULO

BRAZIL will celebrate a national "King Pelé Day" on Nov. 19 every year, marking the date the soccer great scored what he considered to be the 1,000th goal of his career in 1969.

The Brazilian government's official publication said Tuesday that President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva had passed a law sanctioning the national tribute to the three-time World Cup winner. The Brazilian soccer great died on Dec. 29, 2022, at the age of 82.

The date picked for the festivities is a reference to the day Pelé scored Santos' winner in the penalty spot in a 2-1 win against Vasco da Gama at the Maracana Stadium in 1969 – although some soccer historians ques-

tion whether that actually was the 1,000th goal of his career.

Pelé used the celebrations for that goal to make a rare somewhat political speech, in which he told reporters on the pitch that Brazil should take better care of its children. The South American nation was then under a military dictatorship that started in 1964 and only ended in 1985.

"This is an acknowledgment that is more than deserved for one of the most important and influential people not only in Brazilian soccer, but in world sports," said Sen. Jorge Kajuru, a former sports reporter and one of the sponsors of the bill in Congress.

Last week, Pelé's mother Celeste Arantes died at the age of 101.

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Taifa Stars to discover 2025 AFCON qualifiers group opponents



Tanzania national soccer team (Taifa Stars). Photo: Courtesy of TFF

By Correspondent Michael Mwebi

TANZANIA national soccer team (Taifa Stars) will discover their opponents for the 2025 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) qualifiers when the draw takes place today in South Africa.

The draw will be conducted live from Johannesburg, South Africa from 3:30 PM by reigning CAF AFCON champions coach Emere Faé of Ivory Coast as well as Moroccan legend, Marouane Chamakh.

48 teams will be drawn into twelve groups of four, with teams divided into four pots based on their position in the latest FIFA Rankings issued

on June 20, 2024.

The highest-ranked nations will occupy Pot 1, with the same procedure to be followed for Pot 2, 3, and 4 to make up the 48 nations.

Taifa Stars, who qualified for the last AFCON finals in Ivory Coast, are placed in Pot 3 together with Kenya, Mauritania, Congo, Guinea Bissau, Libya, Comoros, Togo, Sudan, Sierra Leone, Malawi and Central Africa.

The top two teams from

each group that do not involve tournament hosts Morocco, will qualify for the 35th edition of the biggest football event in African soil.

For teams that finish first and second in a group consisting of Morocco, who by virtue of being tournament hosts gain automatic qualification, the following scenarios will be applied:

If the host is ranked first, the host is qualified in addition

to the team that finishes second in the group. If the host is ranked second, the host will qualify together with the group leader. If the host nation is ranked third or fourth, they will qualify alongside the group leader.

Pot 1: Morocco (Hosts), Morocco, Nigeria, Egypt, Tunisia, Cameroon, Algeria, Mali, Ivory Coast (Holders), Ghana, Democratic Republic of Congo, South Africa

Pot 2: Cape Verde, Guinea, Gabon, Benin, Uganda, Zambia, Equatorial Guinea, Madagascar, Sierra Leone, Burkina Faso, Mozambique, Angola

Pot 3: Tanzania, Kenya, Namibia, Mauritania, Guinea-Bissau, Niger, Libya, Malawi, Togo, Comoros, Sudan, Congo Brazzaville

Pot 4: Gambia, Rwanda, Burundi, Ethiopia, Eswatini, Lesotho, Botswana, Liberia, South Sudan, Chad, Zimbabwe, Niger

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Cecafa Dar Port Kagame Cup: Group stage draw revealed

By Guardian Correspondent

THE official draw unveiling the group stage of the highly anticipated CECAFA Dar Port Kagame Cup 2024 took place yesterday.

The 2024 edition of this regional championship will be held in Dar from July 9 to 21.

Uganda's Express, the current titleholders, will not defend their title won in the 2021 tournament.

The tournament is a good pre-season outing for Coastal Union and Singida Black Stars who will represent Tanzania Mainland.

The teams have been divided into three groups, each consisting of four sides. The leading team in each group will secure a spot in the semifinals.

Furthermore, the best-performing runner-up from among these groups will also progress to the knockout rounds.

In Group A, Coastal Union, who finished fourth in the Mainland Premier League last season and will represent Tanzania in the CAF Confederation Cup, will face off against Al Wadi FC (Sudan), JKU SC (Zanzibar) and Somalia's Dekedaha FC.

Group B features Kenya Premier League champions Gor Mahia with their impressive three-time regional championship title joined by 10-time Sudani Premier League winners Al Hilal FC, Zambian champions Red Arrows and Djibouti Telcom FC of Djibouti.

In the final group, Group C, two former champions in Uganda's SC Villa and Rwanda's APR will compete with Singida Black Stars FC and Al Merreikh Bentiu of South Sudan.

Simba, Young Africans, Azam, Burundi's Vital'O, Malawi's Nyasa Bullets, and TP Mazembe, who were initially among the invited teams for the tournament, pulled out citing logistical issues.

Simba will travel to Egypt for a training camp as part of their preparations for the 2024/25 domestic and international campaign.

According to club media officer Ally Ahmed, the club is set to leave for Egypt on Monday.

Young Africans are yet to confirm their pre-season plans but they are mulling overseas pre-season training tours that collide with the Kagame Cup schedule.

Azam on the other hand are heading to Morocco.

Despite the pullout of the top-drawer teams, Baraka Kizuguto, the CECAFA Competition Director who conducted the draw at the Azam studio, said they expect a very competitive tournament since teams are building up for the CAF Champions League and Confederation Cup qualifiers that are slated to start in August.

The CECAFA Dar Port Kagame Cup 2024 games are set to be played in Dar es Salaam at the Azam Complex in Chamazi and the newly constructed KMC Stadium in Mwenge, Kinondoni.

The last time the regional tournament was held in 2021 in Dar es Salaam, Uganda's Express FC beat Nyasa Big Bullets FC from Malawi 1-0.

Park Mobile Lions thumps Delaware Upanga SC in 2024 Petrofuel TCA Caravans T20 Cup

By Correspondent Japheth Kazenga



Park Mobile Lions' cricketer Mohamad Jawad (R) receives the Ras Logistics Man of the Match prize from Basil Ali, Branch Head of Medinova Specialized Polyclinic, after the player's squad came up against Delaware Upanga SC in 2024 Petrofuel TCA Caravans T20 Cup's tie in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CARAVANS CRICKET CLUB

PARK Mobile Lions' cricketers have kept pushing for a spot in the 2024 Petrofuel TCA Caravans T20 Cup tournament's knockouts after thumping Delaware Upanga SC by 71 runs in Dar es Salaam last weekend.

Group A toppers, Park Mobile Lions, faced Delaware Upanga SC in a battle of giants at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club venue, with the former winning the toss and opting to bat first.

The openers, Umar Shaikh and Ejaz Aziz, started strongly having amassed 40 runs between them before the first dismissal.

Aziz was the first to return to the pavilion having been stumped by Delaware Upanga SC's Nishikant Saho from Sanjay Bom's delivery.

Top-order cricketer Mohamad Jawad's unbeaten 39 runs from 30 balls helped Park Mobile Lions score 128/6 in 20 overs, even though wickets kept falling at regular intervals.

For the bowling side, Muhammad Sohail and Bom stood out of the rest of their squad's bowlers with three and two wickets respectively.

Bom leaked 15 runs in his four-over spell, settling for a 3.75 economy rate, and Muhammad leaked six runs in two overs.

In return, the chase should have been more competitive, considering the form of holders Delaware Upanga SC, but a spirited Park Mobile Lions blew the opposition aside.

The Mohamed Salim-led bowling squad knocked Delaware Upanga SC over for a meager 57 runs in 16.5 overs, sending shockwaves across the ground.

Maker Mukesh was the Delaware Upanga SC's only player who registered double figures in his club's futile attempt, ending with 17 runs from 11 balls.

It was once again the unplayable Jawad, who took four wickets in 3.5 overs giving away a mere four runs for Park Mobile Lions. Shaikh and Akhtar Shaikh also earned two scalps apiece.000

Jawad was awarded the Ras Logistics Man of the Match for his magnificent all-round performance having scored 39 runs and grabbed four wickets.

Mukesh's magnificent catch on the boundary line to dismiss Gulraiz Hydari was adjudged the Medinova Moment of the Match.

The tournament is an annual T20 cricket competition organized by Caravans Cricket Club.

Alliance Caravans, Aurobindo AKSC, Delaware Upanga SC, Balakrishna Foundation Aces, Flashnet Strikers, Park Mobile Lions, Harab Motors Pak Stars, Econo Lodge Lions, Azania Bank Pak Stars, and Generics Gymkhana are taking part in the showdown.

Petrofuel is the title sponsor of this tournament. Other sponsors of this tournament include Alliance Insurance, Ras Logistics, Medinova Healthcare, Automark, Pepsi, Ashton Media, MFI-Vertiv, Jiuzhou, SmarDTV, Intek-Korea, ASAS, Colourflex, and Delaware.

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